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# ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

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## STATED CONVOCATION,

MARCH 9, 1869.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, March 9, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

*PRESENT.*

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|---|---|
| M.E. HENRY CHICKERING . . . . . | Grand High Priest. |
| E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . . . | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| E. CHARLES H. NORRIS . . . . . | Grand Scribe. |
| Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. . . . . | Grand Captain of the Host. |
| ALONZO C. BLETHEN . . . . . | Grand Principal Sojourner. |
| DANIEL UPTON . . . . . | Grand Royal Arch Captain. |
| PETER C. JONES . . . . . | Grand Treasurer. |
| THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . | Grand Secretary. |
| Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN . . . . . | Grand Chaplain. |
| MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . . . . | Grand Lecturer. |
| GEORGE H. PIKE . . . . . | Grand Tyler. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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|---|---|---|
| SOLON THORNTON. | D. W. CRAFTS. | WYZEMAN MARSHALL. |
| JOHN MCCLELLAN. | A. A. DAME. | RUFUS S. POPE. |
| EBENEZER W. TOLMAN. | | WINSLOW LEWIS. |



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The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

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| St. Andrews. | Mount Horeb. | Concord. |
| King Cyrus. | St. John's. | Cambridge. |
| Washington. | Shekinah. | Mount Vernon. |
| Adoniram. | Orient. | Corinthian. |
| Franklin. | Berkshire. | St. Stephen's. |
| Morning Star. | Key Stone. | Menotomy. |
| St. Paul's. | Waverly. | Parker. |
| Northampton. | St. Matthew's. | Samoset. |
| | Hampden. | |

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was received, read, and referred to a committee consisting of M.E. Companions Thornton, A. A. Dame, and McClellan.

*Voted*, That the Dispensation to Parker Chapter be extended during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest,

Thomas Waterman,
*Grand Secretary.*

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## STATED CONVOCATION,

JUNE 8, 1869.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, June 8, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

*PRESENT.*

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| M.E. HENRY CHICKERING . . . . | Grand High Priest. |
| M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . . | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| E. JOHN W. DADMUN . . . . . | Grand Scribe, *pro tem.* |
| Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. . . . . | Grand Captain of the Host. |
| JOHN A. LEE . . . . . | Grand Royal Arch Captain, *pro tem.* |
| EBENEZER W TOLMAN . . . . . | Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.* |
| THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . | Grand Secretary. |
| Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON . . . . . | Grand Chaplain. |
| MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . . . | Grand Lecturer. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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|---|---|---|
| JOHN MCCLELLAN. | A. A. DAME. | RUFUS S. POPE. |
| JAMES KIMBALL. | SOLON THORNTON. | WYZEMAN MARSHALL. |

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

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| ST. ANDREW'S. | WORCESTER. | HAMPDEN. |
| KING CYRUS. | MOUNT LEBANON. | MOUNT VERNON. |
| WASHINGTON. | MOUNT HOREB. | MENOTOMY. |
| ADONIRAM. | ST. JOHN'S. | HOUGHTON. |
| MORNING STAR. | ORIENT. | CAMBRIDGE. |
| ST. PAUL'S. | BERKSHIRE. | WALTHAM. |
| | PILGRIM. | |

A petition, signed by Jeremiah Stone, Joseph P. Johnson, Lauren Young, Charles Young, J. E. Bowley, George T.

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Wyer, Ebenezer T. Atwood, Warner Newcomb, Joshua F. Tobey, and James E. Rich, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Provincetown, to be called Joseph Warren Chapter, was presented, and referred to a committee consisting of M.E. Companions Solon Thornton, John W. Dadmun, and Samuel B. Spooner.

This committee submitted the following report, which was read and accepted: —

In Grand Chapter, Boston, June 8, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Stone and nine other Companions of Provincetown, for a Dispensation to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at that place, respectfully report that they have given the petition such consideration as its importance demands, and finding that the requirements of this Grand Chapter have been complied with by the petitioners, recommend that the petition be granted as prayed for.

Solon Thornton.
John W. Dadmun.
Samuel B. Spooner.

A petition from a competent number of Royal Arch Masons of Leominster, and also a petition from Royal Arch Masons of Clinton, praying for leave to open and hold Chapters in their respective towns, were presented, and referred to M.E. Companions James Kimball, John McClellan, and Joseph B. Knox. This committee subsequently reported progress, and was granted further time, at their request.

On motion of M.E. Companion Pope, it was *Voted*, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted to the widow of Companion Augustine W. Stephen, as a charitable donation.

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M.E. James Kimball submitted the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter: —

To amend Article 2d by striking out September in the sixth line, and inserting December, so that it will read "of which the Convocation in December shall be the Annual Convocation."

Also in Article 7th, to strike out September in the second line, and insert December, to conform to Article 2d.

The foregoing proposition, according to the rules, lays over until the next Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the subordinate Chapters of the proposed amendments.

M.E. John McClellan presented a Commission from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee, appointing him to represent the Grand Chapter aforesaid in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and a request for the appointment of the M.E. John McClelland, Past Grand High Priest of Tennessee, to a similar office in this Grand Chapter. This matter was referred to a committee consisting of M.E. Companions A. A. Dame, Jas. Kimball, and A. F. Chapman, to consider and report.

M.E. Companion A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, reported progress, and the committee was granted further time.

The M.E. Grand High Priest stated that he had officially visited nearly thirty out of the forty-three Chapters in the State since his election in October last. He had hoped to have visited more before this Quarterly Convocation

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of the Grand Chapter, but had met with some hindrances, one of which was a disinclination on the part of some Chapters to call special meetings, or to receive a visit at the time requested. He had endeavored, when in a particular part of the State, to visit such Chapters in the vicinity as he could, if they were ready to receive a visit. In a few cases they had not been, and his plans were somewhat disconcerted; and a few Chapters had not been visited that otherwise would have been. He also made the following statement: "On the 18th of March, in company with the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the 3d Veil, Grand Chaplain, Past Grand High Priest Kimball, and Past Grand King Crafts, visited Mount Holyoke Chapter, Holyoke, having previously notified the High Priest thereof, M.E. Companion Nathaniel W. Quint, to call a meeting of his Chapter to receive such visit. On arriving at the place of meeting, we found High Priest Quint absent, indications afterwards making it pretty evident that he was purposely so. It seemed quite evident that something was wrong there; and after the Chapter had been opened, and while inquiries were being made about the condition of things, I learned that Companion Quint was or had been in the ante-room listening, and therefore sent a Companion to him, with the request that he would present himself. This he declined to do, and I then sent him, by the hand of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, a written summons to appear; but as he had then disappeared and was not found, I called off the Chapter till the next morning at 9 o'clock, and caused a written summons to be served on him to meet us at that time. But he declined to appear; and after consultation, I

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felt it to be my duty, in which every officer and past officer of the Grand Chapter present fully concurred, to suspend Companion Quint from office for this contempt of the Grand Chapter. I did this with much reluctance, and appointed a committee of the Grand Officers to investigate further into the affairs of this Chapter. This committee has reported to me, and their report represents that the Chapter does not sustain Companion Quint in his action, and regrets that he should take such a course. The Chapter, therefore, seems exonerated from blame in this matter. Some difficulties also that have hindered the progress of this Chapter, it is thought, are in a way of being healed, and I think no action is now necessary in relation to the Chapter.

I state the facts briefly, and it is for you to say whether you approve my action in relation to Companion Quint."

The foregoing communication from the M.E. Grand High Priest was approved without a dissenting voice.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest,

THOS. WATERMAN,
*Grand Secretary.*

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## STATED CONVOCATION,

SEPTEMBER 7, 1869.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 7, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

*PRESENT.*

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| M.E. HENRY CHICKERING . . . . | Grand High Priest. |
| M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . . | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| E. EBENEZER W. TOLMAN . . . . | Grand King, *pro tem.* |
| E. CHARLES H. NORRIS . . . . . | Grand Scribe. |
| Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. . . . . | Grand Captain of the Host. |
| SERANUS BOWEN . . . . . | Grand Principal Sojourner, *pro tem.* |
| DANIEL UPTON . . . . . | Grand Royal Arch Captain. |
| PETER C. JONES . . . . . | Grand Treasurer. |
| THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . | Grand Secretary. |
| Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, . . . . | Grand Chaplains. |
| EBEN F. GAY . . . . . | Grand Steward. |
| MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . . . | Grand Lecturer. |
| GEORGE H. PIKE . . . . . | Grand Tyler. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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|---|---|---|
| RICHARD BRIGGS. | JAMES KIMBALL. | WILLIAM PARKMAN. |
| CHARLES A. WELCH. | A. A. DAME. | WYZEMAN MARSHALL. |
| RUFUS S. POPE. | SAMUEL MILLARD. | WILLIAM W. BAKER. |
| | JOHN MCCLELLAN. | |

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

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| WASHINGTON. | ORIENT. | MOUNT VERNON. |
| ADONIRAM. | BERKSHIRE. | CORINTHIAN. |
| MORNING STAR. | WAVERLY. | ST. STEPHEN'S. |
| ST. PAUL'S. | CONCORD. | MENOTOMY. |
| WORCESTER. | CAMBRIDGE. | CHAPTER OF THE SIGNET. |
| MOUNT LEBANON. | | JOSEPH WARREN. |

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A petition, signed by J. K. Baker, Jr., N. D. Kelley, O. C. Baker, N. B. Snow, Charles H. Kelley, Erastus Chase, Abiather Doane, Wm. H. Lewis, Abner L. Ellis, and Watson B. Kelley, was presented, praying for leave to organize a Chapter at West Harwich, to be named Henry Chickering Royal Arch Chapter. This petition was referred to M.E. Companions John McClellan, Wm. Parkman, and Daniel Upton. This committee subsequently reported that they had duly considered the subject referred to them, and requested further time, which was granted.

A petition from A. B. Underwood, Cephas Brigham, Geo. E. Bridges, B. F. Brown, William R. Wilson, Horatio F. Allen, John M. Griswold, John M. Greenwood, James B. Fuller, Simon W. Card, S. A. Walker, Joseph Barney, I. B. Lovett, H. O. Martin, Horatio B. Hackett, Jr., B. F. Tyler, Asahel Wheeler, Sullivan D. Hill, D. S. Simpson, E. Paddock, F. Lyman Winship, George B. Fiske, John B. Goodrich, John G. Thompson, Jr., William L. Libbey, John L. Roberts, Chester H. Graves, H. C. Hayden, G. D. Gilman, George N. Noyes, H. W. Smith, E. D. Winslow, and Allen Jordan, was presented, praying for a Dispensation to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Newton, in the county of Middlesex, by the name of Newton Royal Arch Chapter. This petition was referred to M.E. Companions Charles A. Welch, Charles Harris, and Frederick Frye. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and accepted: —

*To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions for the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch



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Masons, to be located at Newton, have conferred with the parties interested, and respectfully report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

CHARLES A. WELCH.
CHARLES HARRIS.
FREDERICK FRYE.

M.E. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, reported in part, and requested further time, which was granted. Additional communications were received from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and referred to the same committee.

M.E. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred a communication of Tennessee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted: —

IN GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, September 7, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the expediency of appointing Companions members of other Grand Chapters of the United States, to represent this Grand Chapter in their several State Grand Chapters, have considered the matter, and respectfully report that it has been the usage of the several State Grand Chapters to send a printed copy of their doings from year to year to their sister Grand Chapters; and inasmuch as all the State Grand Chapters are subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, your committee do not think it wise to appoint representatives members of other State Grand Chapters to represent this Grand Chapter in said Grand Chapters.

ABRAHAM A. DAME.
JAMES KIMBALL.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.

*Voted*, That a copy of the foregoing report be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

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M.E. James Kimball, in behalf of the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted : —

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter, September 7, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the petitions from Companions in the towns of Clinton and Leominster for Dispensations to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in each of these towns, have attended to the duties assigned them, and do now make their report, that, in the best judgment of your committee, there has been submitted to us sufficient evidence to satisfy us that we should report in favor of the granting of a Dispensation to the Companions at Clinton for opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and we therefore recommend that the Grand High Priest be authorized to issue such Dispensation, when the requirements of the Grand Chapter have been complied with.

Your committee would further recommend that the Companions at Leominster have leave to withdraw their petition.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

James Kimball.
John McClellan.
J. B. Knox.

The following alterations of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, proposed at the last Convocation, were taken up and unanimously adopted : —

Amend Article 2d by striking out the word September in the sixth line, and inserting December, so that it will read, of which the Convocation in December shall be the Annual Convocation.

Also in Article 7th, to strike out September in the second line, and insert December, to conform to Article 2d.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward blank returns to all the Chapters under the jurisdiction.

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The following Address was delivered by the M.E. Grand High Priest: —

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, —

At your last Annual Convocation, you saw fit to honor me with the office I now occupy, and which I accepted with many misgivings as to my ability to do it and you justice, but yet with a determination to discharge the duties to the best of my ability, and to do all in my power to promote the interests and welfare of the Fraternity. And now, although it has not been usual, of late years, if ever, for the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter to deliver an Annual Address or Report, yet there seems to my mind so many reasons why it may at least be appropriate that I should render an account of my stewardship, that I trust you will pardon the innovation, if such it seems.

And first of all, let us render thanks to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe for his kind and overruling providence which has spared our lives, warded off from our borders "the pestilence that walketh in darkness," and "the destruction that wasteth at noon-day," that has given us such abundant prosperity, and permitted us again to meet around this altar in health, while peace and harmony prevail throughout all our jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest may reasonably be supposed to possess a better knowledge of the condition of the Fraternity in the various parts of the State than many others, and it seems proper that he should lay before the Grand Chapter such information as he may have. His position also gives him an opportunity to observe any imperfections in the working of our system, to judge what might be improved or changed for the better; and he should make such suggestions as his experience and observation may have presented to his mind.

In the very outset, I find myself embarrassed, however, for want of any official statistical information, except such as is too old to answer our purpose. The year closing, as it does, on the last of August, and our Annual Convocation coming so early in

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September, there is no time to get in returns before it occurs. The only returns to which I can have access are those for the year closing before my term of office commenced. I have not one for any portion of my official year. If the Annual Convocation was held in December, instead of September, in accordance with a proposition now before you to amend the Constitution, the returns could then be got in, and an exhibit of the condition and work of the subordinates for the greater part of the year could be given at the Annual Convocation, while now it is all a year behind. As the election of officers in the Grand Lodge and the exemplification of the work in both Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge occur in December, they call out a much larger and fuller representation, and it would seem, on many accounts, to be the best time for the Annual Convocation.

I find also a serious difficulty in not having the address of the officers of the subordinate Chapters. It often happens that I wish to open a correspondence with a Chapter, or its officers, and there is no list to refer to that is not a year or more old. I would suggest the propriety of taking some action by which the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary should both be furnished a list of the elected officers in each subordinate Chapter, whenever a change takes place.

I had hoped, when elected in October last, to visit during the year every subordinate Chapter in the State, that I might personally know their condition. I have made an earnest effort to do so; but our last annual election having been delayed in consequence of the General Grand Chapter meeting, a month was lost then, and as but few of the Chapters meet during the summer months, I have really had but eight or nine months in which to accomplish it. In a few cases, also, it has not been convenient for Chapters to meet my appointments, so that a few that were on my list have for this reason been passed. But for the hope, until it was too late, that I should be able to visit all, I should have endeavored to arrange so that they should have been visited by some one of the Grand Officers or by some competent Companion.

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I believe, however, that all, or very nearly all, which had not received official visits within a comparatively short time, have now been visited.

I have personally visited thirty of the subordinates, in most cases accompanied by the Deputy Grand High Priest and other of the Grand Officers, to all of whom I am much indebted for their companionship and assistance. In addition to these, some two or three, possibly more, have been made by M.E. Companion Chapman, Deputy Grand High Priest, and one by E. Companion Chas. H. Norris, Grand Scribe.

I am satisfied that these visits of the Grand Officers are productive of much good, awakening a new interest, encouraging the Officers and Companions, and promoting uniformity and excellence of work, and I think the custom should be continued. In all these visits (with perhaps one exception) I have witnessed work, and with few exceptions have found the Chapters in good condition, and the work well rendered. I have been agreeably disappointed in finding such general uniformity and proficiency, and I think this Grand Chapter may well be congratulated upon the great improvement made under our present system of Grand Lecturers and annual exemplification of the work. While a few Chapters still need instruction and practice, and one or two are quite deficient, in most of them the work is good. Where all are doing so well, it may seem invidious to particularize; but I cannot forbear to speak of the accurate, and what I deem of even *more* importance, the *effective* rendering of the work in Cambridge Chapter, Cambridge; Waverly, Melrose; Northampton, Northampton; Waltham, Waltham; and if last, not least, the eldest sister, St. Andrew's, Boston.

In all my visits, I have been received as your representative with that fraternal hospitality for which the Royal Craft is distinguished; and what more need be said?

The general condition of the Fraternity in the State, as indicated by these Chapters visited, and from all I hear, is excellent. The amount of work doing, though perhaps not quite as great as

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in *some* former years, is abundant, and, so far as I can judge, the material good. A good degree of interest is felt, and peace, harmony, and good will every where prevail. The only matter that has occurred seeming to demand the interference of the Grand High Priest was that at Holyoke, reported to, and acted upon by you at the last Quarterly Convocation. One case of individual grievance has been presented to me, the facts in regard to which I have not been able to satisfy myself about, my written inquiries having failed to elicit answers.

On the 29th of October, I consecrated Webster Chapter, at Webster, and installed its officers. I regret to say that I have heard nothing from this Chapter since, though I have twice written to its Secretary.

January 29th, I consecrated Chapter of the Signet, at Charlestown, and installed its officers in the presence of a large number of Companions and masonic brethren and their ladies. The number of charter members of this Chapter was fifty-two, and from the time of its receiving its Dispensation it has done a large amount of work, and bids fair soon to become one of the largest, as it is now one of the most flourishing Chapters in the State. On this occasion I was honored, besides the company of most of the Grand Officers, with that of several of your Past Grand High Priests and other distinguished officers, and also with that of M.E. Comp. Martin Collins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, and present General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who was pleased to speak in high terms of our ceremonies.

June 9th, I consecrated Natick Chapter, at Natick, and installed its officers. This Chapter exhibits a commendable zeal and efficiency, and I doubt not will give a good account of herself.

On the 30th of December, I installed the officers of Orient Chapter, at West Harwich (this body meets alternately at Hyannis and West Harwich), in the presence of a large number of Companions and masonic brethren and their ladies, and on the 14th of January, those of Washington Chapter, Salem. In each of

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these cases the halls were crowded to repletion, and the ceremonies listened to with almost breathless attention. I have also, in a more private way, installed the officers of several other Chapters.

In all these consecrations and most of the installations, I have been ably assisted by M.E. Comp. A. F. Chapman, Deputy Grand High Priest, and other officers of the Grand Chapter.

Dispensations have been granted in two or three cases for the election of officers, and in one case to act upon an application for degrees in less than the usual time.

Two Chapters are now working under Dispensations granted during the year, viz.: — Samoset, at Plymouth, which is in an exceedingly flourishing condition; and Joseph Warren, at Provincetown, of which I have no special information. Applications were also made at our last Quarterly Convocation for Chapters at Clinton and Leominster, and referred to a committee, who will doubtless report this evening.

The correspondence connected with the duties of this office is no inconsiderable item. I have, during the eleven months of my official term, written one hundred and twenty letters.

Thus I have endeavored to give you briefly a general statement of the condition of the Fraternity in this State at the present time, and an account of my official acts, which I trust will meet your approval. May the Supreme Grand High Priest crown the coming year with his goodness and mercy, as in the year past.

Fraternally,

HENRY CHICKERING,
*Grand High Priest.*

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## ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

DECEMBER 7, 1869.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, December 7, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

*PRESENT.*

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| M.E. HENRY CHICKERING . . . . | Grand High Priest. |
| M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . . | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| E. DAVID W. CRAFTS . . . . . | Grand Scribe, *pro tem.* |
| Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. . . . . | Grand Captain of the Host. |
| DANIEL UPTON . . . . . | Grand Principal Sojourner, *pro tem.* |
| PETER C. JONES . . . . . | Grand Treasurer. |
| THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . | Grand Secretary. |
| Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, . . . . | Grand Chaplains. |
| EBEN F. GAY . . . . . | Grand Steward. |
| GEORGE H. PIKE . . . . . | Grand Tyler. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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| SOLON THORNTON. | E. W. TOLMAN. | RUFUS S. POPE. |
| JOHN MCCLELLAN. | SAMUEL MILLARD. | WILLIAM PARKMAN. |
| A. A. DAME. | JOHN K. HALL. | LYMAN B. MESTON. |

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

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| ST. ANDREW'S. | SAINT JOHN'S. | SUTTON. |
| KING CYRUS. | ORIENT | CAMBRIDGE. |
| ADONIRAM. | BERKSHIRE. | WALTHAM. |
| MORNING STAR. | KING SOLOMON'S. | MOUNT VERNON. |
| ST. PAUL'S. | PILGRIM. | MOUNT HOLYOKE. |
| WORCESTER. | WAVERLY. | CORINTHIAN. |
| MOUNT LEBANON. | ST. MATTHEW'S. | ST. STEPHEN'S. |
| NORTHAMPTON. | HAMPDEN. | WEBSTER. |
| MOUNT HOREB. | MYSTIC. | NEWTON. |
| | CONCORD. | |



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A petition was presented by C. C. Bixby, B. Sanford, Jr., Francis M. French, E. H. Reynolds, Loring W. Puffer, F. B. Washburn, David S. Packard, F. A. Thayer, Samuel B. Hinkley, L. B. Howard, Alfred Laws, Rufus E. Brett, Allen Crocker, Jonas R. Perkins, P. F. Hollywood, F. M. Sylvester, E. I. Packard, W. S. Gurney, J. H. Cooper, Henry A. Rutt, E. E. Dean, E. W. Morse, W. W. Cross, B. R. Clapp, and I. D. Mitchell, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of North Bridgewater, to be called Satucket Royal Arch Chapter. This petition was referred to M.E. Companions Thornton, Davis, and Robinson. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted : —

In Grand Chapter, December 7, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of C. C. Bixby and twenty-four other Companions, for a Dispensation for a new Chapter to be located at North Bridgewater, and called Satucket Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Solon Thornton.
William H. Davis.
Geo. Robinson.

M.E. William Parkman, presented the following report, which was read and accepted : —

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. K. Baker, Jr., and others, for a Dispensation for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be located at Harwich, and known as Sylvester Baxter Royal Arch Chapter, have duly considered the subject,

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and would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.
WILLIAM PARKMAN.
DANIEL UPTON.

BOSTON, December 8, 1869.

M.E. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom were referred the communications from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, reported progress, and the committee was granted further time.

*Voted*, That the Council of the Grand Chapter, with the Treasurer and Secretary, be constituted a committee to print a new edition of the Constitution and the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the past year.

M.E. John K. Hall presented a commission from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, appointing him to represent the Grand Chapter aforesaid, in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. This matter was referred to M.E. Companions Richard Briggs, William Parkman, and Rev. John P. Robinson.

*Voted*, That the Dispensation to Samoset Chapter be extended during the pleasure of the M.E. Grand High Priest.

On motion of M.E. A. A. Dame, it was *Voted*, That hereafter all proxies from the officers of subordinate Chapters shall conform to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Rev. Companion Dadmun, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, as a member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, hereby formally and fraternally recognizes the Grand Chapter of the Dis-

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trict of Columbia, and most cordially welcomes her into the great family of Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

*Voted*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests: —

BOSTON, December 7, 1869.

*To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.*

The following Companions have received the order of High Priesthood during the past year, as conferred in the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, viz: —

Fred. G. Walbridge, of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; John C. Blasdell, of Monotomy Chapter, Arlington; Enoch G. Currier, of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport; Frederick Frye, of Mount Horeb Chapter, Lowell; George E. Stacy, of Mount Lebanon Chapter, Milford; Israel S. Lee, of Washington Chapter, Salem; Libbeus Scott, of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield; William H. Davis, of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; Joseph B. Knox, of Worcester Chapter, Worcester; Burleigh Morse, of Houghton Chapter, Marlborough.

Respectfully and fraternally,

SOLON THORNTON,
*Secretary.*

On motion of M.E. Companion E. W. Tolman, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to M.E. A. F. Chapman and his associates, for the very able and satisfactory manner in which they have this day exemplified the work of the several degrees.

The following Address was delivered by the M.E. Grand High Priest: —

COMPANIONS, —

As we gather again in Annual Convocation, with so full and general a representation of the subordinate Chapters of the juris-

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diction, surrounded by so many and such rich blessings, and in the enjoyment of so much health and prosperity, let us not forget that for all these our earnest thanks are due to the Supreme Grand High Priest, or be so ungrateful therefor as not to send up from our hearts, as well as from our consecrated altars, a sincere tribute of praise and thanksgiving. I can but congratulate you upon the prosperity and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

At our Convocation in September last, I gave you a somewhat detailed statement of my official acts to that time, which I need not repeat; but as at that Convocation the time of the annual meeting was changed to December, it may be well, in order to make the record of our year's proceedings complete, that I should give you some account of those of the last three months.

At the September Convocation, there were in the jurisdiction forty-three chartered Chapters and one under Dispensation. Of these, I have personally visited ten since our last Convocation, and thirty-six different ones since my election to the office. Of the remainder, members of the Council have visited several, so that I believe there are but three Chapters in the jurisdiction that have not received an official visit since our last Annual Convocation, and only inability to command the time has prevented these being visited. They will undoubtedly receive the early attention of the officers who may be elected at this Convocation. In view of what I have seen, I can speak with confidence and of my own knowledge when I say that, almost without exception, the Chapters are in a flourishing condition, harmonious and prosperous. Most of them are following the prescribed ritual with a good degree of accuracy, and those that are deficient are showing a commendable degree of interest in perfecting themselves. In two or three Chapters where clouds have obscured their horizon, they have been dispelled, and the prospect before them is fair and bright, and we close the year with an almost cloudless sky.

At the September Convocation, Dispensations were recommended for new Chapters at Newton and at Clinton. On the 15th

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of that month, I signed Dispensations for each of these, and they have commenced their labors with good prospects.

On the 29th of September, I had the honor, by invitation of its committee, of attending the centennial anniversary of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter. This anniversary makes an important period in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, and also in the country, and for this reason I speak of it. As this was the first Chapter organized in this State, or in the United States, it may be considered as the parent of this branch of the Masonic Order in this country, and now, after a full century of honorable existence, its head hoary with the winters of a hundred years, with its children numbered by hundreds, it appears as fresh and vigorous as the youngest of the sisterhood of Chapters. All honor to her and her eventful history. Its roll of membership bears the names of many of the brightest ornaments of our Fraternity, and of our noble old Commonwealth. Such names as Gen. Joseph Warren, Col. Paul Revere, and many others that might be mentioned, are an honor to any institution, and the long list of worthies, eminent in State and Nation, as well as in Masonry, is one upon which the members of this Chapter may well look with justifiable satisfaction and pride. This celebration, in its inception, arrangement, and carrying out, was, without exception, the most complete and successful in which I have ever participated, and reflects much credit upon the committee who had it in charge, and upon its High Priest, your present Deputy Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. A. F. Chapman. Among the invited guests present were M.E. Comps. James M. Austin, of New York, and Robert S. Bruns, of South Carolina, General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, also the High Priests of several State Grand Chapters.

I have approved release of jurisdiction for conferring Degrees upon three individuals, one, of Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, to Mount Vernon Chapter, Portland, Maine, and one of

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St. Mark's Chapter, Taunton, and another of Worcester Chapter, Worcester, to Providence Chapter, Providence, Rhode Island, the circumstances seeming to fully justify it, and the Chapters most interested have freely given their consent.

On the 27th of November, I gave Dispensation to Orient Chapter, Hyannis, to confer the degrees in a case of emergency, without waiting the usual time.

Dispensations have been granted to elect officers in three or four cases where vacancies existed, or where for special reasons the election could not take place at the regular time. And in this connection I would remark that I find one or two Chapters have a provision in their By-Laws for the filling of vacancies in elective offices at any time without Dispensation, and one at least has one authorizing the removal of an appointed officer, and the appointment of another in his place at any time. As I understand it, this is not according to masonic usage, at least in this jurisdiction. In a report made to the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth by William S. Gardner, (now M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, December 13, 1866,) this subject is ably argued, and the conclusion arrived at that — I quote from the words of the report — "A vacancy can only occur by death, or by the act of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, and can only be filled by Dispensation." Further on it says, — "The Lodge itself has no control over it, and cannot hold an election save by virtue of such Dispensation." [See report, page 44, Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1866, where the subject is discussed at some length.] Such has also been the decision of other competent authorities in this State, among whom I may mention Past Grand High Priest Charles W. Moore. It is for you to say whether any action shall be taken on this subject.

Returns from thirty-four Chapters for the year ending September 1st show a membership of 4,509½; exaltations, 478. I regret to say that, notwithstanding three months have elapsed since the year closed, and the Chapters have all been notified to make their returns, ten have thus far failed to do so, and among them

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are some of our best Chapters. I am at a loss to account for this neglect. Fearing that some might construe the change of time of the Annual Convocation as changing the time for making returns, I caused notice to be sent to each Chapter, with blanks for returns, that this was not the case, and requesting prompt returns. If the Constitution is not sufficiently explicit on this point, I would recommend that it be so amended as to make it imperative that the Chapters make their annual returns for the year ending August 31st, at least within the month of September, so that we may have full statistics for the Annual Meeting. This was one object of changing the time of the Annual Convocation. Let us not lose this advantage.

Taking the membership of these Chapters not reporting at what was returned the previous year, viz., 753, and adding to those reporting, it gives a total membership of 5,262. But I am confident, from my knowledge of what has been done in these Chapters, that the total membership cannot be less than 5,350, and the exaltations for the year not less than 550, showing somewhat less work than the previous year, when the exaltations were 619, but quite enough to show a healthy and prosperous condition.

The financial condition, with the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter, will be shown by the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee of Finance. The item of expense of Grand Officers in visiting the Chapters, it will be seen, is larger than for two or three previous years, as it necessarily must have been with so thorough a visitation as has been made. But I believe the benefits accruing are sufficient to abundantly compensate, and that it is money well expended. If not, the time I have given to it is worse than lost. After such a general visitation the last year, I think a greater division of this labor among the members of the Council can be made the coming year without disadvantage, and at less expense.

Some idea of the labor of correspondence in connection with this office can be formed, when I tell you that I have written not

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less than one hundred and seventy-five letters in connection with it since I entered upon its duties.

Hoping that the fires may burn as brightly about our altars in the year to come as in the past one, and that an equal degree of harmony may prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that prosperity may continue to attend us, I am

Very Fraternally,

HENRY CHICKERING,
*Grand High Priest.*

M.E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted : —

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past fifteen months, submit the following report : —

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| By the books of the Treasurer, which your Committee find correct, it appears that the balance of cash in his hands at the commencement of the year was | | $1,168.96 |
| He has received for dues from Chapters | $4,075.00 | |
| For Dispensations | 360.00 | |
| For Interest on Investments | 450.96 | |
| For returned donation | 25.00 | |
| | | 4,910.96 |
| | | $6,079.92 |
| *His disbursements have been as follows: —* | | |
| Printing | $716.82 | |
| Banquets | 265.00 | |
| Regalia | 90.00 | |
| Insurance | 7.50 | |
| Drawing Charters | 160.00 | |
| Rent and Gas | 288.76 | |
| Charity | 965.00 | |
| Expense of Grand Officers in visiting Chapters, including that of the General Grand Chapter in St. Louis, in September, 1868, | 1,365.96 | |
| Sundry bills, including Secretary and Tyler's fees | 187.82 | |
| | | 4,046.86 |
| Leaving a balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer of | | $2,033.06 |



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*The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of —*

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| 1 Bond of the City of Boston | $1,000.00 |
| 6 „ „ „ Grand Lodge | 1,800.00 |
| 2 shares First National Bank | 200.00 |
| 7 „ Eliot „ „ | 700.00 |
| 6 „ Bank of North America | 600.00 |
| Cash in hands of the Treasurer | 2,033.06 |
| | $6,333.06 |

The committee recommend the payment of seventy-five dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.
JOHN K. HALL.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. A committee was appointed to collect, assort, and count the votes, when the following Grand Officers were unanimously elected: —

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| HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield | Grand High Priest. |
| ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| FREDERICK A. PIERCE, Boston | Grand King. |
| THOMAS WINSHIP, Melrose | Grand Scribe. |
| PETER C. JONES, Boston | Grand Treasurer. |
| THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston | Grand Secretary. |

The officers elected as above were duly installed, and the following appointments announced by the M.E. Grand High Priest: —

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| Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., Cambridgeport | Grand Captain of the Host. |
| JOSEPH K. BAKER, Jr., Dennisport | Grand Principal Sojourner. |
| SAMUEL B. THAXTER, Abington | Grand Royal Arch Captain. |
| WILLIAM H. MURRAY, Pittsfield | Grand Master Third Veil. |
| DAVID B. TENNEY, Haverhill | Grand Master Second Veil. |
| GEORGE E. STACY, Milford | Grand Master First Veil. |
| Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Boston,<br>Rev. ST. JOHN CHAMBRE, Stoughton,<br>Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, Winthrop, | Grand Chaplains. |
| EBEN F. GAY, Boston,<br>FRANK E. JONES, Boston, | Grand Stewards. |

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| MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston . . . . | Grand Lecturer. |
| JOHN MCCLELLAN, SOLON THORNTON, JOHN K. HALL, . . . . . | Committee of Finance. |
| WILLIAM PARKMAN, CHARLES HARRIS, CHARLES J. DANFORTH, . . . . . | Committee of Charity. |
| GEORGE H. PIKE . . . . . | Grand Tyler. |

Such of the appointed officers as were present were duly installed, the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host, and the Grand Chapter closed in Ample Form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
*Grand Secretary.*

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# REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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# REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.*

YOUR COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE would most respectfully submit the following report for your consideration :—

We have examined the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, some of them containing three hundred closely printed pages. If we should reprint all the good things we have read in these reports, I am afraid your patience would be exhausted, and that this report would receive but a passing notice. We shall therefore study brevity, and yet give you some idea of the condition of the Royal Craft throughout our beloved Fraternity.

The Grand Chapters whose proceedings have come into our hands, and the time of their Annual Convocations, are as follows : —

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| Alabama . . . | Dec. . . 1868 | Mississippi . . | Jan. . . 1869 |
| Canada . . . | Aug. . . 1869 | Missouri . . . | Oct. . . 1868 |
| Connecticut . . | May . . 1869 | Michigan . . . | Jan. . . 1869 |
| Delaware . . . | Jan. . . 1869 | Minnesota . . | Oct. . . 1868 |
| Dist. of Columbia | Nov. . . 1868 | New York . . | Feb. . . 1869 |
| Florida . . . | Jan. . 1868, '69 | Nebraska . . . | June . . 1868 |
| Iowa . . . . | Oct. . . 1868 | New Jersey . . | Sept. . . 1868 |
| Indiana . . . | Oct. . . 1868 | Ohio . . . . | Oct. . . 1868 |
| Illinois . . . . | Oct. . . 1868 | South Carolina . | Feb. . . 1869 |
| Kansas . . . | Oct. . . 1868 | Tennessee . . | Sept. . . 1869 |
| Kentucky . . . | Oct. . . 1869 | Vermont . . . | Oct. . . 1868 |
| Louisiana . . | Feb. . . 1869 | Virginia . . . | Dec. . . 1868 |
| Maine . . . . | May . . 1869 | Wisconsin . . | Feb. . . 1869 |
| Maryland . . . | Nov. . . 1869 | | |

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## ALABAMA.

The forty-second Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held at Montgomery, December 8, 1868, M.E. Peleg Brown, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-three Chapters represented.

Uniformity of work is the motto of this Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest, Comp. Brown, is well qualified to push this matter to a successful issue. In his very excellent address he says: —

"I fear we are exalting too rapidly without the necessary instruction, and I am fully of opinion that candidates for the degrees in the Chapter should be required to make similar proficiency to that required by the Grand Lodge; and that before a Dispensation is granted to constitute a new Chapter, the same evidence should be required as to qualifications. If this rule is strictly observed, uniformity of work would soon obtain throughout our jurisdiction, and the recipients of our mysteries be better qualified to appreciate the merits of our Order."

He very kindly, and yet pointedly and justly, as we believe, rebukes those aspirants among us for side degrees: —

"Among the immense mass of masonic literature now being published, and the strong desire for the accumulation of side degrees, now named as 'Rites,' I fear there is much that is calculated to injure and interfere with the teachings of our ancient Order and bring it into disrepute; and many who profess great proficiency in these side, or what are sometimes called higher degrees, can scarcely make themselves known as Ancient Craft Masons."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. P. J. Pillans. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included. The report is terse and racy, breathing the right spirit, and evincing a thorough knowledge of masonic jurisprudence. He closes by saying: —

"And, now, Companions, we have finished this our journey through other jurisdictions. It has been one of pleasure, for wherever we went, we felt sure that we would meet with friendly greetings, and such has been our experience. But at times we have been seriously grieved, for we have seen our Companions sometimes straitened for means, and mourning over the distress surrounding them; and again we have met many green mounds where the grass is fresh with the watering of tears. 'Monuments to the loved and lost, mile-stone's in life's journey, on which the inscription 'passing away' ad-

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monishes us 'to work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.' From the records of most of our sister jurisdictions we gather the names of those who have gone to swell the innumerable multitude which throng the silent halls of the great necropolis. Their footprints are fast being covered by the drifting dust, and the places which knew them will know them no more forever.'

Then let us, companions, so live that when we shall be called to 'that bourne whence no traveler returns,' the G. A. O. T. U. may receive us as living stones fit for the building 'not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

Comp. Peleg Brown, of Mobile, was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

## CANADA.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, was held at Kingston, Ont., Tuesday, August 10, 1869, M.E. Comp. T. Wilson, P. G. Z., presiding, with twenty-nine Chapters represented, including four under Dispensation.

M.E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., being necessarily absent, his address was read by the Grand Scribe E. The address is dignified, and truly masonic in spirit. He thus speaks of the state of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction: —

"I feel sincere pleasure in addressing you again; I regret sincerely that I cannot do so in person. I have not a great deal to say to you, for during the masonic year just expired, as far as I know, harmony has prevailed, and I can but repeat my declaration made at our last Annual Convocation, that my work has been easy, and my labor light. Our subordinate Chapters are healthy and prosperous, and there is a steady, satisfactory increase in our numbers and material."

We commend the following as truly fraternal: —

"I hope we shall become finally one sovereign Body, ruling over Capitular Masonry throughout this dominion. Nevertheless, we must not shut our eyes to the fact, that as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have each its Grand Lodge, so the companions there may deem it more advantageous to establish their own Grand Chapters, and, if so, we must be prepared to give them our cordial recognition; extend at once the right hand of fellowship, and aid and assist them by every means in our power."



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He made the following request: —

"I beg to report to Grand Chapter that the Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of England, and Wales, and Dependencies, Thirty-third degree, has appointed me its Representative for this Dominion, and that the order is now working satisfactorily, and extending itself, and I request Grand Chapter to add the Rite, thus legitimately constituted, to the already recognized degrees, as defined in the Book of Constitutions, under the head of 'Regalia.'"

The Executive Committee disposed of the request in the following manner: —

"With regard to the recognition of the thirty-third degree, your committee are of opinion that inasmuch as this Grand Chapter, or the degrees conferred under its authority, are not recognized by the A. and A. Rite, they recommend that until some satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at, the said Order be not recognized by the Grand Chapter."

The M.E. Grand Z. congratulated the Companions that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, has become a Freemason.

The M.E. Grand Z. granted Dispensations to five new Chapters, and Warrants were ordered for them at this Grand Convocation.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R.E. Comp. Henry Robertson. He reviews in a kind and fraternal spirit the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, ours included. In reviewing the proceedings of Louisiana, Comp. Robertson defends the Grand Chapter of Canada in the distinctive titles given to the first three officers: —

"With reference to the titles of the three principal officers of a Chapter, Comp. Horner is perfectly right in not attempting to argue that they are correct in placing the High Priest before the King. It will not be denied that they, as well as we, received the R. A. Degrees from England. And if Comp. Horner will search the *ancient records*, say those of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter, in Boston, which are complete as far back as 1769, we think he will find the system then pursued, as they received it, and as we have it now. We presume that the alteration made in the Holy R. A. Degree was by those notorious degree tinkers, Webb, Gleason, Fowle and Co., who flourished at the beginning of the present century in the United States. But Comp. Horner will not need to be reminded that even the 'approval of their wisest teachers, for half a century,' will not make the alteration any the less an innovation, or sanction their present usage as the correct one."

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M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z., and R.E. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Grand Scribe E., which corresponds to our Grand Secretary.

## CONNECTICUT

Comes to us in a neatly printed pamphlet of a hundred and fifty pages, showing that the Annual Convocation was held in New Haven, May 14, 1869, M.E. James L. Gould, Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-seven subordinates represented.

A Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Waterbury, October 13, 1868, to look after the Grand Treasurer, who had absconded with the funds of this Grand Chapter without even paying the outstanding bills against it. Comp. George Lee, of Hartford, was appointed Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*, and authorized to borrow an amount of money sufficient to meet the outstanding liabilities of the Grand Chapter. An additional assessment of one dollar for each exaltation during the year was laid upon the subordinate Chapters. We are exceedingly pained to be under the necessity of recording such an instance of embezzlement in a sister Grand Chapter, and we sincerely hope that Benjamin Beecher, the defaulting treasurer, will have manhood enough left in him to make full restitution.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted at the Annual Convocation: —

"*Whereas*, Our late Grand Treasurer, Benjamin Beecher, has embezzled the funds of this Grand Chapter, and has addressed a note to this Grand Body confessing such embezzlement, now therefore,

*Resolved*, That the said Benjamin Beecher be, and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, and that the Grand Secretary cause due notice of such expulsion to be given."

The Grand Chapter has lost by this defalcation $1,722.02.

Comp. Gould's annual address is a well written, business-like document. He says of the state of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction: —

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"It is with continued satisfaction that I repeat the assurance of one year ago, that peace and harmony prevail throughout our portion of the masonic world, and that our subordinates, with one or two exceptions, are prospering beyond their most sanguine expectations."

Comp. Storer, chairman of the special committee on General Grand Chapter, presented the following report, which was adopted: —

"Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M.E. Grand High Priest as relates to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, beg leave to report, that having carefully examined the matter submitted to them, and fully agreeing with our M.E. Grand High Priest that 'Constitution tinkers' are apt to make themselves too busy for the general good, we earnestly hope this Grand Chapter will, as heretofore, strenuously resist any attempt to place the General Grand Chapter in a position in which it may be tempted to work for, and arrogate to itself more honor. In short, we think it is a good rule to 'let well enough alone,' and trust this Grand Chapter will express its disapprobation of either and all the amendments of the General Grand Constitution that were proposed at the late Triennial Convocation at St. Louis.

Your Committee would recommend to the Grand Chapter the adoption of the accompanying resolution: —

*Resolved*, As the sense of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut:

1st. That the membership of the General Grand Chapter of the United States is sufficiently large, and we cannot give our consent to the proposition to make the past Grand High Priests of State Grand Chapters permanent members of that body.

2d. That the jurisdiction of the Past Master's degree is well enough where it is, and we are opposed to any change.

3d. That the less frequently the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution is 'tinkered,' the better it will be for all parties concerned."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by that *veteran* "Reporter," Comp. William Storer, who gives us in *one hundred and fourteen pages* a comprehensive review of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

He commences his report with the following apology; but we must say that we doubt very much whether any of our Companions possess "a warmer heart or a more fraternal spirit" than *still* glows in the bosom of Comp. Storer: —

"In laying before our companions the results of our annual research, we are compelled to bespeak their kind indulgence. We are not so yonng, by

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almost a score of years, as when, in middle life, we first assumed the responsibilities of this position. We have grown gray in this service, and the infirmities of advancing age admonish us that it is time to retire, and leave the work to younger and more vigorous hands and clearer intellects. A warmer heart, and a more fraternal spirit, than that with which we originally engaged in this arduous work, will not probably be found in the bosom of any companion; and we feel confident that the same love for the time-honored institution of Freemasonry that has been our guiding star as we have journeyed up the rugged hill of life, will continue to animate us now that we pass down the declivity, and abide with us even when we reach the bottom and cross over to the 'shining shore.'

The work of a masonic reviewer has been to us a labor of love. We have spent many a pleasant hour in looking over the minutes of proceedings of corresponding Grand Bodies. We have wandered as it were in the richest and most beautiful flower-gardens, and inhaled their delicious perfumes; and we have taken pleasure, from time to time, in culling these flowers, — the growth of the sunny South as well as the products of the snow-clad hills of the North — the slow cultivation but steady vegetation of the rock-bound East, as well as the rank and almost spontaneous out-cropping of the fertile prairies of the West, — and intermingling them in a gorgeous bouquet, for presentation to our brethren and companions at home and abroad. And it has afforded as much gratification to witness so many evidences that our labor has not been altogether in vain, that our beloved companions have been in a good degree satisfied.

But all things earthly must come to an end; the fire of youth must eventually smoulder among the cooling embers of advancing years. The frosts of age will chill the youthful blood, resist the approach of winter as determinedly as we may. 'The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And so in truth we find it in our own personal experience."

Comp. Storer proposed with this report to withdraw from the reportorial corps, but his Grand Chapter "didn't see it." We shall hear from him again (D. V.).

M.E. John H. Barlow, of Birmingham, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE.

By authority of the General Grand High Priest, the four Chapters in the State of Delaware met in convention, at Dover, January 20, 1869, and formed a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the proceedings of which are before us. A constitution was adopted,

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and the Grand Chapter of Delaware regularly organized by M.E. Comp. James M. Austin, G. G. High Priest of the G. G. Chapter of the United States. We extend to the Grand Chapter of Delaware a most cordial welcome.

Comp. Daniel C. Godwin, of Milford, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Alfred T. A. Torbet, of Milford, Grand Secretary.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A pamphlet of about sixty pages brings to us the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. The Annual Convocation was held Nov. 9, 1868, M.E. J. E. F. Holmead, Grand High Priest, presiding, with five Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is written with much ability, and evinces the true masonic spirit. After showing the real position of this Grand Chapter, he says: —

"My companions, let us, nevertheless, forget not that the hour of triumph is also the hour of magnanimity; and as our contest has been simply and alone for great principles, and as we have no personal animosities to assuage, no personal wrongs to redress, and even if we had, let the past be buried deep in oblivion, and to-night let us offer the right hand of brotherly feeling and love to those with whom we have been contesting, and unite again the links of the golden chain, which should ever bind our hearts together as one heart in all the future.

And this we say and offer, with no holding back or mental reservation, but in all soberness and truthfulness, as if bathed in the very waters of a divine charity. Let us gather once again around our common altar, and with mingled hands kindle afresh those vestal fires which should ever, here when we meet, burn with a purity and brightness, — yea, a purity and brightness only eclipsed by the light which comes from the church of the everliving God."

The committee on the address of the Grand High Priest, after stating the anomalous position of the Potomac Chapter at Georgetown, as left by the action of the G.G. Chapter, and arguing briefly but kindly its absurdity, in which, by the way, nearly all the State Grand Chapters agree, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted: —

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"*Resolved,* That the G. R. A. Chapter of the District of Columbia does hereby rescind all resolutions, orders, or edicts, heretofore adopted, made, or issued by said Grand Chapter, or any of its officers, suspending or expelling any companion or companions, on account of the difficulties growing out of the formation of said Grand Chapter, and also the edict declaring Potomac Chapter clandestine; and hereby declares all such Companions restored to their standing in this Grand Chapter as R. A. Masons.

*Resolved,* That while the Grand Chapter recognizes fully the well settled rule in masonic jurisprudence, that no Grand Body has any power over a subordinate body of a reviewal of the action of such subordinate, in relation to the discipline of its members, except on appeal; yet this Grand Chapter does not hesitate to recommend such action on the part of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction as will carry out in good faith the spirit and meaning of the resolutions of the G.G. Chapter, so far as the conduct of the Companions heretofore dealt with may be consistent with said resolutions since their adoption."

A resolution was then adopted holding out the olive branch of peace to the Potomac Chapter, which reads as follows:—

"*Resolved,* That for the purpose of manifesting the spirit of unity and fraternity on the part of this Grand Chapter, and to encourage it among the subordinate Chapters of this District, a special committee be appointed, to consist of the M.E. Grand High Priest and four other companions, to receive and consider any propositions that Potomac Chapter may make to become a constituent member of this Grand Chapter, and to report at the order of the Grand High Priest."

These resolutions, together with the noble, generous, and fraternal spirit pervading the Grand High Priest's Address, will receive the approbation and applause of all good Masons.

Massachusetts refrained from expressing any opinion in the premises until the G.G. Chapter had had an opportunity of investigating the subject; and now, without a dissenting voice, she cordially recognizes the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and most heartily welcomes her into the great family of Grand R. A. Chapters.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. J. Edwin Mason. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, ours included. We should be glad to make several extracts from this brief and excellent report, but unless

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we are a little cautious we shall violate the pledge given at the commencement of this Report.

M.E. B. B. French was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. N. D. Larner, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA.

We have received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1868. This Grand Convocation was held at Tallahassee, January 13, D. G. H. Priest, William Morrill, presiding. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

We gather from the brief address of the M.E. Grand High Priest, Companion David Jones, that the Companions of Florida are still suffering from the devastations of war, and the ruinous poverty it has entailed upon the people. We trust a brighter day will soon dawn upon them.

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Since writing the above, we have received the proceedings of the Annual Convocation for 1869, which was held at Tallahassee, January 11, M.E. James Ellenwood, Grand High Priest. Ten subordinates were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered a brief but very excellent address.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted: —

"*Whereas*, The General Grand Chapter of the United States, waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter."

A page is appropriately devoted to the memory of M.E. Thomas Hayward, Past Grand High Priest, who died A.D. 1868.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of

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Comp. D. C. Dawkins; and if any one wishes the great deep of his own heart thoroughly moved with fraternal and Christian sympathy, let him read the introduction: —

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally report, that it is an unavoidable matter of sore regret, that we find it impossible to engage in a close review of the printed proceedings of the various Grand Royal Arch Chapters now before us for inspection. But so it is, being personally reduced from affluence to want, like many of our fellow-beings around us, with a house full of loved and loving children to support and educate, under heavy financial incumbrances incurred upon the faith of our former, but now lost fortune, it has been and continues to be necessary for us to use every possible exertion to make even the most retarded onward progress up the 'rough and rugged' path of our temporal surroundings. The vain fashion of human pride usually prompts men in low estate to make even fictitious impressions upon the minds of others that they are individuals of financial importance, that credit and thereby success may accrue to them. But when it is known that, under the existing circumstances, we have devoted four months of incessant labor in reviewing Grand Lodge proceedings, and that we cannot possibly devote the time requisite for such a review of the Grand Chapter proceedings as would be a self-indication of proper fraternal respect for our beloved Companions in fraternal correspondence with us, we cannot, without doing violence to our own conscience, keep back from them the true reason for our shortcoming. Hence, in delicate confession we have rendered our apology, and will now proceed to acknowledge the reception of all Grand Chapter proceedings in our hands, with such brief notices as our limited time will justify."

The above is indeed a "delicate confession," but honest and out-spoken, and in our heart of hearts we sympathize with Comp. Dawkins, and all our Companions in that jurisdiction who are in similar circumstances.

Notwithstanding all, he has given us an excellent review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, which receives a very favorable and flattering notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Chickering, is particularly commended for its truly masonic spirit, "rising," as he says, "like the holy incense glowing and burning from the altar of the noble masonic soul."

M.E. De Witt C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., of Tallahassee, Grand Secretary.



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## ILLINOIS.

The nineteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Springfield, October 9, 1868, M.E. George W. Lininger, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ninety-four subordinates represented.

The state of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction may be gathered from the following extract taken from the Grand High Priest's address: —

"The past year has been marked by an unparalleled, yet, it is believed, healthy growth of the Royal Craft. Great care has been exercised in granting dispensations, and in some cases, where the welfare of the Craft seemed to require it, applications have been refused.

Seventeen dispensations have issued, four of which have been granted by the Deputy, of which we shall hear from him. Four were continued from last year. There are, therefore, twenty-one Chapters now under dispensation, all of which I recommend to your fraternal consideration, should their reported records prove satisfactory."

We call special attention to the following very interesting paragraph: —

"Now, we have solemnly promised that we would redouble our endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of our Companions. We have promised to be good men and true, and strictly to obey the moral law. We have all promised to guard against intemperance and excess, and it is the especial duty of some of us to see that the Craft do not convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess. Notwithstanding these solemn pledges, it is a lamentable fact that the intemperate use of alcoholic drinks is the cause of more trouble to the Fraternity than all others combined. Now, while we may not dictate what a Mason shall eat, drink, or wear, we *may insist that he be temperate in all things, or cease to be a Mason.* Are we not early and constantly taught to make a proper division of our time and talents, and use all temperately? A case for my official decision was presented during the past year upon this same subject, the facts of which are, briefly, as follows: A railroad company (all honor to her managers) enjoined temperance on the part of her employees. An engineer, a Royal Arch Mason, was discharged for drunkenness by the foreman, a Mark Master, after repeatedly warning him that it must in *duty be* done if the drunkenness was not stopped. When the foreman asked promotion in the Chapter, the discharged engineer objected. I advised that charges be preferred against the Royal Arch Mason, and that if there was no other objections made, the Mark Master be advanced. Now, was this right? Are rail-

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road companies to *lead* in moral questions, or will social and religious organizations stand up to *their* duty and exalted privileges in these matters?

Profanity is a growing vice in the land, against which all true Masons will guard with persistent effort. The good name of a brother is too often assailed by the tongue of a Mason. These things ought not so to be, Companions, and I most earnestly urge upon you at this time to take some decisive action, to the end that we do not retrograde, that we may show to the world without that, while we are willing to throw about the foibles of a brother the broad mantle of charity, yet are we so governed by immutable principles that wickedness and excess will ever receive our hearty rebuke."

Amen and amen. We would that the above extract might be read in all the Chapters throughout the United States.

The case herein cited deserves special notice, as it is another illustration of the position we have taken elsewhere, to wit, that no applicant for the degrees, after receiving a favorable ballot, should be stopped on the mere "expressed wishes" of a member. "When the foreman asked promotion in the Chapter, the discharged engineer *objected*." It was right and proper that the Chapter should know the *grounds* of his objection, and advance the candidate if the objection was not well founded. So it would have been if the foreman had not received the Mark degree, and the drunken engineer had objected, or called for a new ballot after he had been elected. If we do not take this position, there may be other cases where the Grand High Priest, or the High Priest of a Chapter, will have to exercise *extra* judicial power to vindicate the principles of Freemasonry.

Comp. Harman G. Reynolds reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters in a clear, concise, and fraternal manner. Massachusetts receives a *very* brief, but friendly notice.

In reviewing the proceedings of Iowa for 1867, and particularly the report of the committee, of which Comp. Guilbert was chairman, *against* a re-union of that Grand Chapter with the G.G. Chapter, he says: —

"How unlike the noble and magnanimous course pursued in Indiana. All the talk about the want of powers — about dissolution — about inherent powers, and despicable honors, is such as any town meeting orator might make. The report is haughty, insolent, impertinent, offensive, and generally

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and particularly insulting to every Grand Chapter holding relations with the General Grand Body.

The General Grand Chapter has *not* outlived its usefulness. It is to-day the patron, promoter, and mother of Royal Arch Masonry in South America and Italy, and its name is potent on the Pacific coast and among the hosts of miners and delvers in the Rocky Mountains. Its honors are *not* despicable, but are well and worthily worn by such Past Grand High Priests as Austin, Burns, Hacker, Collins, McClellan, Titus, and Miner. They have been worn by such men as Mackey and Lewis, who have never held that the G.G. Chapter was a nonentity.

The plain facts as regards the Grand Chapter of Iowa, are these: —

She derives her existence from the General Grand Chapter; up to the time of her pretended *secession*, every Royal Arch Mason in Iowa was bound to the General Grand Body, and no condition of things could change that obligation, short of permission to withdraw, or a dissolution of the national body itself; and that obligation is binding upon every Royal Arch Mason in Iowa, either mediately or immediately, to-day. Those who have taken it can just as well and just as reasonably throw off and denounce any other covenant they have taken *as that!* And if the act is done with considerate reflection with regard to the covenant taken to the General Grand Chapter, then we are prepared for any surprise the Companions may have in store, which may suit their interest, caprice, or pleasure.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa is just as much a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter as she ever was; she has no power to secede; no right to secede; no reason to secede, and all her acts in regard to that matter are void, immoral, rebellious, and revolutionary.

The last place for Iowa is out in the cold! It is true that she can grumble, fret, and fume, but if that is what she wants to do, she can as well do so inside as out, and then, maybe, to some purpose. Staying out while she is really in, is to her own disadvantage *every way*.

But all other considerations sink out of sight alongside of the solemn allegiance voluntarily entered into, and which cannot be thrown off without the consent of the superior body. If the doctrine shamelessly put forth to the world *be in any sense true*, then a Lodge can shake itself clear of the Grand Lodge, and every Master Mason can as lawfully renounce his allegiance to his Lodge, and *secede!* Will the Iowa Companions stand in this position? Will they face the logical consequences that may follow? If their act of *secession* be valid, are they the Grand Chapter of Iowa? Have the Chapters thrown aside their charters and organized anew? Now, we submit this proposition to the conscience of every true and honorable Royal Arch Mason in Iowa: you owe allegiance by virtue of obligations you have or should have assumed to the General Grand Chapter. You who have taken them *cannot rest easily under what you have done* until it is undone, or you are lawfully absolved therefrom. There *is* conscience in Iowa, and this leaven will yet work."

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M.E. James H. Miles, of Chicago, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, of Springfield, Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA.

The thirty-third Annual "Communication" (Convocation) of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Indiana was held at Fort Wayne, October 21, 1868, M.E. Thomas Newby, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-six Chapters, including eight under dispensation, represented.

The address of the G. H. Priest is comprehensive and practical. In the introduction he gives us the key-note to Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction: —

"It is with emotions of the deepest gratitude to the great I AM, that I again greet you around this altar. Since we last gathered here, two abundant harvests have blessed the labors of the husbandmen, bringing with them plenty and prosperity to the people of this jurisdiction, and abundance for the relief of the widow and orphan, the aged and destitute. Peace continues to smile upon our land; the wounds inflicted by the demon of war are healing, and the rainbow of promise of the renewal of the ancient harmony is set in our sky. Especially has prosperity abounded in the household of faith. The bonds of fraternal union have been more strongly cemented. An unusual degree of harmony has prevailed.

There has been just enough opposition to remind us that we must be faithful in the discharge of our duties, and maintain the principles of our Institution, in their simplicity and purity. The attacks made upon us have merely served to show their own feebleness, and our security, as long as we remain intrenched within the ramparts of genuine Freemasonry. In fine, everything calls for congratulation upon the happy auspices under which we have assembled in Annual 'Communication.'"

Comp. William Hacker declined a re-election as Grand Secretary, and was appointed Custodian of the Work. A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was ordered for him as a token of the appreciation of his valuable services.

The resolutions of 1866, declaring certain work of a subordinate Chapter of Pennsylvania clandestine, were rescinded. We are heartily glad that this difficulty, between those two jurisdictions, is amicably settled.

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A page is appropriately dedicated to the memory of Comp. Isaac Bartlett, Past Grand High Priest, who died September 9, 1867.

Comp. Newby presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which, by the way, we think is a little too much work to impose upon the Grand High Priest, although we doubt if any one could have done it much better. He gives us a comprehensive review of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, with a complimentary notice of Comp. Chickering's report for 1868. In relation to calling the meetings of the Grand Chapters Convocations instead of Communications, he says: —

"In reading the various transactions presented to us, we note that the meetings of the Grand Chapters are styled 'Convocations' by all the Grand Bodies save Pennsylvania and Indiana, who use the term 'Communication.'"

After showing, by the best authority, that Convocation is more appropriate, he concludes by saying: —

"On what authority our State uses the word 'Communication' we do not know, but to us the term 'Convocation' is more appropriate, and we would approve of the change, especially as it is used by all the other Grand Chapters save one."

M.E. Harvey Hazelrigg, of Lebanon, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

## IOWA.

A beautifully printed pamphlet of fifty pages brings to us the proceedings of the fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, which was held at Desmoines, October 16, 1868, R.E. J. W. Satterthwaite, Grand King, presiding, although the D. G. High Priest was present. Thirty-three subordinates were represented, including five under dispensation.

M.E. H. H. Hemenway, Grand High Priest, being absent, his address was presented by the Grand Secretary. Comp. Hemenway is a zealous advocate of uniformity in work, and has done

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much during the two years of his administration towards accomplishing this desired result. He thus speaks encouragingly of Capitular Masonry in that State: —

"The past year has been an eventful one in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. Many new Chapters have been organized, and from personal observation and reports that have reached me from nearly every subordinate Chapter in the State, I am satisfied that Royal Arch Masonry has kept pace with the rapid growth and general prosperity of all institutions in the State, of whatever nature, and that peace and prosperity abound in our councils."

During the year dispensations were issued to *seven* new Chapters. We congratulate our Companions of Iowa on the prosperity of the Craft in that jurisdiction.

By a vote of the Grand Chapter, the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree is strictly prohibited.

It will be noticed that in the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, instead of the D. G. H. Priest, presided, whereupon the rank of the last named officer was settled in the following manner: —

"All the powers possessed by the Grand High Priest must of necessity, in case of his absence, fall upon the deputy, for this among other reasons: The Priesthood was alone confined to the tribe of Levi, and no one not of that tribe was permitted to aspire to or assume the duties and responsibilities of the High Priesthood under any pretence whatever. Not even the King, under the masonic law, although clothed with absolute power over his subjects, was allowed to meddle with the duties of the Priesthood, or even to touch the vestments thereof, without incurring the displeasure of the Almighty. Even the ark of the covenant was not allowed to be borne or touched by any except by those of the tribe of Levi, and Uzzah, for his temerity in putting forth his hand to steady the ark, was struck dead, and Korah, Dathan and Abiram, for their presumption in assuming the prerogatives of the priestly office, met with a similar fate. With these views, your committee believe that the D. G. H. Priest, being an appointment from the Grand Council for a specific object, and not the King, should preside in the absence of the Grand High Priest."

A resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee to make arrangements with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters to obtain the "exclusive control of the Criptic degrees" in that State.

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We are very sorry to record such a movement on the part of any Grand Chapter, much more that any Grand Council should be willing to enter into negotiations to surrender the Criptic degrees. Royal Arch Masonry has enough to take care of without being encumbered with any other degrees; and, besides this, the Council degrees are not authorized by the G.G. Chapter of the United States. Then again, the Criptic degrees, to be conferred fully and impressively, should be under the control of a separate organization. They are beautiful when conferred in a proper manner; and, rather than have them take a *secondary* place in our Chapters to be mangled and strangled, let them be obliterated forever.

Comp. Guilbert presented a report on Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The minutes say "(see appendix)," but we have received no appendix.

Since writing the above, we have got an "inkling" of this report through Comp. Corson, of New Jersey; and we should judge, by the extracts there given, that Comp. Guilbert has kept up his reputation for "sharp hitting" all around. Companions Drummond and Corson, the G.G. Chapter, Massachusetts, and we do not know how many more, come in for a share. Comp. Corson says: —

"Comp. Guilbert administers some heroic doses to the subscriber, which we receive complacently, for we have hopes of him in the future. We firmly believe that when he arrives at the years of discretion, more mature judgment will correct the errors of juvenility. As a frisky kitten becomes by age a demure cat, so we prophesy that in a few years our young Companion will make a very respectable masonic writer.

> Come to my bosom, my own stricken dear,
> Rhubarb and Calomel always are here;
> I'll blister and bleed you at little expense,
> ("Jersey Lightning" will cost you, *per haustum*, ten cents)."

Massachusetts takes it as follows: —

"The proceedings are almost wholly barren of interest. We are free to say that we do not consider such a book creditable to any Grand Chapter, much less to that of the State which claims to contain the Athens of America. No annual address, no questions of usage or general interest discussed, and

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four Convocations 'written and told' in fourteen pages of print, very nearly *four* of which are devoted to the names of Grand Officers and subordinate Chapters, the which of course were printed *four* times! Massachusetts does not do herself justice in this pamphlet."

Comp. Guilbert reminds us of an eccentric old parson who was settled over a parish where no minister had been able to live a great while on account of the penuriousness and quarrelsome proclivities of the people. He fully believed that he could reform them. After laboring with them about two years, he made up his mind it was a hopeless case, and, as he was about to leave them, he chose this text as the subject of his farewell discourse: "Finally, brethren, farewell." He gave them a tremendous drubbing, and then closed his discourse with these words: "Brethren, farewell. I sincerely hope we may meet in heaven, but I solemnly aver before God that I never want to see your faces again in the flesh." We hope Comp. Guilbert does not feel as bad as this parson did, for we want to see him at the "hub," and cross palms with a Companion who dares to "free his mind."

In regard to the discussion of "questions of usage, &c.," our Chapters are so thoroughly posted in masonic law and usage, that we seldom have any occasion to debate these matters in Grand Chapter, and we do not usually meddle with the affairs of our neighbors. We are eminently conservative, although we live in radical New England. An annual address will appear in our next issue.

M.E. Pitkin C. Wright, of Dewitt, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Secretary.

## KANSAS

Held its Fourth Annual Convocation at Lawrence, October 19, 1868, Comp. R. R. Rees, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Ten Chapters represented.

Comp. Rees presented a brief address, sparkling with some eloquent passages. He says: —



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"With this, the close of three successive terms, how pleasant to announce that in our body's membership within the year, no death nor discord has obtruded. How thankful should we feel for mercies such as these. 'Tis true, but one new Chapter has been formed; but better thus than that each hamlet, neighborhood and village were supplied, without the requisite material for support. 'Tis not our number that bespeaks prosperity in Masonry. Our great success is in the fact that no contending jar disturbs our harmony."

Most of the address is taken up with a description of the last Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, of which he was a representative. In speaking of the advantages of Masonry as exhibited in that meeting, he draws the following picture: —

"Though hate with fiendish gaze controls the outer world, and maniac vengeance grasps the hilt, the blade all reeking with a brother's blood, and man, lost in the fury of more dire contending passion, laughs at the desolation he creates, yet from this chamber reaches out the hand, and while it may not still the storm, it lifts the trembling victim from these scenes of woe, and soon enfolds him in the arms of love. It tells of our long continued line of never-ending perpetuity."

Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, and also chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, briefly and fraternally reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included.

Comp. O. A. Bassett, of Lawrence, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth, Grand Secretary.

## KENTUCKY.

Promptness is a virtue to be commended in individuals and associations, and so far as the issuing of proceedings is concerned, Kentucky must bear the palm, for in *twenty days* from the time the Grand Chapter closed its Convocation, we received a nicely printed copy of its proceedings, embracing one hundred and fifty pages. Well done, good and faithful servants; thou hast been faithful over a few things, may the Supreme Grand High Priest make thee rulers over many things.

The Grand Convocation was held at Louisville, October 18, 1869, M.E. Richard G. Hawkins, Grand High Priest, presiding, with eighty-four subordinates represented.

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The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and practical. On the state of the Order, he says: —

"The past year has been a quiet one with us, nothing having occurred to mar our tranquility, and the Order in this State is, as far as I can learn, in a prosperous condition. The reports will, I think, show a falling off from last year's returns, which, I think, signifies that the Companions have begun to appreciate Capitular Masonry, and do not believe that *any and every one* is fitted to become a Companion. Let us be still more careful, and let no petition be acted on without the most thorough scrutiny, and admit none but such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square. While such are our members, we may *expect* to be united."

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters. No Grand Lecturers being employed in that jurisdiction, the Grand High Priest calls attention to a great diversity in work, and urges most strenuously that something should be done to secure greater uniformity. He calls attention to what he calls "an anomaly in our work," and asks for its correction.

"In the P. M. degree, it is customary, as far as I have been able to ascertain, to confer the degree on a Master elect of a Blue Lodge, but we will not admit him when we confer the degree on one taking the Chapter degrees; then why admit him at all? Let him go to a Convocation of Past Masters, where of right it belongs."

If we rightly understand this paragraph, the Grand High Priest cannot see why the W. M. of a Blue Lodge should not be admitted when the degree of P. M. is conferred in the Chapter, although he never may have taken the Chapter degrees. In this jurisdiction there is a difference between the "Obligation of the Chair," as administered to a W. M. elect at his installation, and the P. M. degree as conferred in the Chapter; and for this reason the P. M. of a Blue Lodge is not admitted into the P. M. Lodge in the Chapter. This part of the address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but the proceedings do not show that they made any report thereon.

The corner-stone of the new building, to be erected by the Masons of that State, as the "Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary," was laid with appropriate ceremony, the Grand Chapter, by special invitation, attending in a body. We wish

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our Brethren and Companions of Kentucky much success in this new and charitable enterprise.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the editor of the "Kentucky Freemason," Comp. H. A. M. Henderson. He gives us a concise and able review of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

M.E. E. B. Jones, of Paducah, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

## LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings of Louisiana in a well-arranged pamphlet of about one hundred pages. The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 9, 1869, M.E. Samuel M. Todd, Grand High Priest, presiding, with seventeen subordinates represented.

M.E. Comp. Todd, in his practical address, says: —

"The past year has been one of comparative prosperity with the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction; from every portion of the State come evidences of a healthful prosperity, and a considerable increase of membership."

He pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of two prominent members who have died during the year, Companions Henry Reymburg and Willis P. Coleman.

Appropriate notice is taken of a spurious body calling itself the "Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana," and intercourse with the Grand Orient of France was cut off in consequence of its recognition of that body.

Comp. Joseph P. Hornor presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. We wondered, as we were reading his very able and interesting report, if that was his *first* effort, but before we concluded the secret came out that he had been in the harness before. We beg of him to be a little merciful to those of us who are making our *debut*, and not expect us to launch out quite so

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boldly and ably as he has done. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included. In speaking of Massachusetts, he says: —

"We find no address from the presiding officer, and observe that this deficiency is noticed by others of the reportorial corps, by some remarks of the Committee on Correspondence; they do not, however, pretend to account for the omission in any way, which we greatly regret, as such documents are generally so important and interesting, that their absence naturally causes some disappointment; perhaps the explanation may be given us next year."

The explanation *will* be given this year in the shape of an address which we doubt not will be both "important and interesting." As the practice of Massachusetts corresponds with that of Louisiana in regard to the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, we append the following: —

"There is one matter to which we particularly desire to call attention, and that is, that almost all the Grand Chapters whose proceedings we have reviewed, have adopted a fundamental law forbidding the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree. We are at a loss to know what reason can be urged by any one of practical experience, or of any masonic knowledge, against such a regulation; indeed it is well said by some, that it is a part of the Ancient Law as found in the installation vows of a High Priest, and that any violation thereof amounts to a mere quibble; yet no such edict exists in this jurisdiction, and presiding officers of our Chapters have learned not to consider the use of substitutes as being in any wise contrary to their solemn engagements."

We shall give our reasons for using substitutes in our notice of Tennessee.

Comp. Hornor pays us the following compliment: —

"The volume before us is beautiful in its execution; indeed Maine, whom we have already complimented in this respect, yields the palm to Massachusetts for typographical excellence."

M.E. Samuel M. Todd, of New Orleans, was elected Grand High Priest, and James C. Batchelder, M.D., Grand Secretary.

## MAINE.

The M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine held its Annual Convocation in Portland, May 4, 1869, M.E. James M. Larrabee presiding, with *thirty* Chapters represented.

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The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and eminently practical. In alluding to the decease of two of the Companions, he says: —

"The angel of death has entered our ranks and taken two of the fathers of this Grand Chapter. M.E. Samuel Fessenden, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, a venerable and honored citizen, a worthy Mason of 'Auld Lang Syne,' and M.E. John Williams, a Mason of about fifty years standing, a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, highly esteemed as a man and Mason, have passed away."

The true masonic spirit is manifested in the concluding paragraph: —

"I think we have reason to rejoice in the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout our jurisdiction. The promise for the future is glorious, and the banner of our order shall yet float triumphantly over all our foes. So long as the prudent precautions which produce a healthy growth in Masonry are observed, we need fear no evil. In order to secure and perpetuate these blessings and future prosperity, our council chambers must be dedicated to the Royal Art, pure and uncontaminated by the corrupting influences of vice and gross immorality."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted authorizing the Grand Council to divide the State into districts, and to appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest for each district, except those in which reside either the Grand High Priest, D. G. High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, — the last named officers to take charge of the districts in which they may reside, — so that each Chapter shall be visited by one of these officers at least once in each masonic year. This, we think, is a step in the right direction, and must result in great good to Capitular Masonry in that State.

M.E. Joseph H. Drummond, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews, with more than his usual ability, the proceedings of *thirty-four* Grand Chapters, ours included. Comp. Drummond has a peculiar faculty of getting the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Chapters. If time and space would allow, we should be glad to copy many pages from his excellent report, but we must be contented with a few concluding extracts.

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"*Substitutes.* — An examination of the returns shows that the use of substitutes is allowed, or winked at, in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin — *twenty-six* Grand Chapters. They are not allowed in Alabama, Iowa, Michigan and Mississippi. We cannot ascertain whether they are allowed or not in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia. *But in almost every Grand Chapter it is admitted that their use is wrong and unmasonic;* still there does not seem to be firmness enough to prevent it. Subordinates, *for the mere accommodation of candidates*, are allowed to violate the law. Now let us in Maine do one of two things, either adhere strictly to the law, or on our own responsibility strike from the charges and ritual everything in relation to it. Consistency to a decent extent demands the one or the other."

We refer Comp. Drummond to a few questions on this subject in our review of Tennessee.

On the subject of statistics, he says: —

"We append a table of statistics — the result of considerable labor — yet imperfect. We had intended to compare the footings with those of several past years; but the tables are so imperfect that we forbear. We cannot, however, help stating some known results that are perfectly startling to us. More than *three quarters* of the Royal Arch Masons of the country are of less than *ten* years' standing! And *quite one half* became so within less than *four* years! In 1860, there were 35,000; in 1865, scarcely 50,000; in 1869, there are 90,000. . . . Is this growth *sound?* Is this prosperity *real?* We confess, large as had been our estimate of the increase, we were startled at the figures."

M.E. J. Pearson Gill, of Lewiston, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Just as we are about to close our report, Maryland brings the welcome, *thrice* welcome tidings, that for the sake of peace she yields to the edict of the G.G. Chapter, and "recognizes the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, entitled to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the G.G. Chapter of the

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United States." Well done, Maryland. This is magnanimous — this is glorious. We shall offer no apology for our warmth of feeling, for we are *happy*. We should like, about this time, to meet our Companions of Maryland and the District of Columbia in an old fashioned masonic "love feast," where we could relate our experience, and sing

"We 're a band of brethren dear," &c.

This memorable Annual Convocation of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Maryland was held at Baltimore, November 8, 1869, M.E. Charles H. Ohr, M.D. Grand High Priest, presiding, with nine subordinates represented.

M.E. James M. Austin, G.G. High Priest of the G.G. Chapter of the United States, and M.E. John W. Simons, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, were introduced and received with the Grand Honors.

Comp. Herman L. Emmons, jr., chairman of a committee of five on resolutions, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted: —

"*Whereas*, Difficulties have heretofore existed between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, arising from the fact that, in the view of this Grand Chapter, the amendment to its Constitution necessary to give validity to the release of a portion of its territory was not lawfully adopted, and

"*Whereas*, In view of the fact of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and by a majority of, if not all the State Grand Chapters, and of the desire of this Grand Chapter to pay due respect to the judgments of the General Grand Chapter and the wishes of the several State Grand Chapters, and to cultivate amicable and fraternal relations with all its peers, as well as to promote the harmony and unity of Royal Arch Masonry, notwithstanding the belief of its membership that its just rights in the premises have been overlooked, does hereby

"*Resolved*, 1. That the Grand Constitution be amended by striking therefrom so much as relates to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over the territory of the District of Columbia.

"*Resolved*, 2. That this Grand Chapter does hereby waive and relinquish its jurisdictional rights over the District of Columbia so long as it remains the seat of the National Government, and also does hereby recognize the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, and entitled

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to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

"*Resolved*, 3. That henceforth the title of this Grand Chapter shall be the 'Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maryland.'

"*Resolved*, 4. That all resolutions heretofore passed by this Grand Chapter inconsistent with these resolutions be and the same are hereby repealed."

This is a beautiful illustration of that "charity" or *love* — as it might be translated — "that never faileth."

Comp. Stevens, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, offered the following special report, which was adopted: —

"The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the matter of interference of the jurisdiction of Louisiana by a spurious body of Masons, ask leave to report, that,

"While we sympathize in all respects with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and protest most earnestly against the invasion of its territory by any masonic power, regular or irregular, we are constrained to believe that the matter, as it now stands, is purely one of symbolic Masonry. No action appears to be required on the part of Grand Chapters from the fact that, as Master Masons, we can hold no connection with the schismatics, or their abettors, and hence are debarred as Royal Arch Masons. The brethren of Louisiana are assured of our sympathy and support as members of Lodges, and constituents of Grand Lodges, and there we prefer to leave the matter."

M.E. Comp. Ohr delivered an excellent address, from which we take the following paragraph on Council Degrees: —

"The subject of the Council Degrees is also considerably discussed, and great contrariety of practice prevails. In most of the States the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees are not recognized by the Grand Chapter, but are under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and controlled by them. These degrees are not recognized in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, neither are they named in any of our charters. Under what authority and by what right, then, are they conferred by our Chapter? The absurdity of our position must become apparent, after very slight reflection, on this question. It is our duty to relieve ourselves from so questionable a practice."

On the subject of admitting colored Masons, he says: —

"In my judgment, it is a matter of very little practical importance. Are there any among us who can be recognized as regularly made Masons? If not, the question is settled for all practical purposes. Is there any regular subordinate Lodge or Chapter that will confer the masonic degrees on such a one? If not, it cannot become a question. Should such a case however occur, it is competent for the Master to refuse admission. A little reflection



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on the landmarks, the ancient laws and customs of this Fraternity, will remove the difficulty from the mind of the honest inquirer.

"Among the standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter, there is one passed November, 1857, which may give rise to some difficulty on this subject, and therefore, in my judgment, had better be repealed. It concedes that *any* Freemason, in *any* grade, has the right not only to apply for admission, and has the *right* to an examination, and has the right to appeal from the action of the Chapter in case of refusal of any of these *rights*. Should one of the class above mentioned apply in conformity with the provisions of this resolution, the Chapter would be bound to examine the applicant, and might be to admit him, and in case of refusal is subject to the annoyance of an appeal in either contingency. It is more promotive of the harmony of the Craft to have the least possible legislation on subjects of jurisdiction."

It will be seen by referring to our review of Ohio that a case *has* occurred, and one that fully meets the question. We will add, there are several Lodges of colored Masons in Massachusetts, one of which originally worked under a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. A number of persons, claiming to be members of these Lodges, recently applied to the Grand Lodge of this State for recognition. The petition was received and referred to a committee, who reported that they had examined the charter and believed it to be "authentic," but that the prayer of the petitioners, in the form that it came before them, "should be regarded as the expression of individual persons rather than the request of the Lodges"; and that "our Constitutions make no distinction on account of the color of persons who desire the benefits of Freemasonry;" and that "there are no rules or regulations whereby the petitioners, if 'worthy and well qualified,' are excluded from our Fraternity, if they seek admission through duly organized Lodges"; and that the "petitioners have leave to withdraw." The report was unanimously adopted. The law laid down in this report governs all the Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction. We do *not* "concede that *any* Freemason, in *any* grade, has the *right*" to be examined and admitted. *No visitor has the right to unseat a member.*

Comp. Stevens presented an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours

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included. The following concluding paragraph indicates the fraternal spirit that pervades the report: —

"Companions, the olive branch is extended to us on all hands, we are urged by the united voice of the craft to forget the past, to make concessions for the sake of harmony, and accept the proffered symbol of peace in a true masonic spirit, and thereby secure a union of interest, a union and concert of action throughout our entire ranks, a united harmonious body of the Royal Craft, now 90,000 strong, among whom no jarring element of discord shall be heard, whose motto shall be peace and good will to man, and whose united efforts in works of charity and love shall forever put to silence the cavilings and clamors of our enemies."

Amen. So mote it be.

M.E. Charles H. Ohr, M.D., of Cumberland, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William A. Wents, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held at Jackson, January 14, 1869, M.E. Joseph O. Lusher, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-three subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and breathes the true masonic spirit. He says: —

"I have no flattering report of the increased or increasing prosperity of R. A. Masonry in this jurisdiction. No Dispensation for new Chapters has been issued, nor have the accessions to our numbers been as great as in years that have passed. The Chapters have not recovered from the effects of the late strife in our land. Nearly if not all of them had suspended during the war. Although most have been re-organized, yet they still suffer heavily from the financial distress and the general deficiency of resources which still prevails. Notwithstanding, it is pleasing to say that harmonious intercourse has been maintained among the members of the Arch, and that 'peace and harmony' generally prevail throughout our jurisdiction. I trust that a brighter day will soon dawn upon us, and that *all* our tabernacles will be again erected, and our lights shine forth with increased brilliancy. That no new Chapters have been established I consider more a subject of congratulation than otherwise. Too many are already in existence for the good of the Royal Art, for while so many exist but short distances from each other, a quorum of members can seldom be obtained in either. Any further increase, therefore, cannot but result in the diminution of that strength of

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extensive membership which is so essentially necessary to a proper maintenance of the dignity and well-being of the Order. I would, therefore, fraternally suggest the propriety of exercising great caution and circumspection in granting Dispensations for new Chapters."

An interesting case, involving religious toleration, was decided at this Convocation in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. It appears that the High Priest of Chapter No. 3, Vicksburg, invited a visiting clergyman to offer prayer at the closing of the Chapter. As soon as the Chapter was closed, the E. Scribe addressed the reverend companion in a rude, boisterous, and profane manner, objecting to words used by him in prayer. Charges were preferred against the Scribe for insulting a visiting companion for the prayer, and the High Priest who invited him to pray, and for profanity.

The charges were sustained, except that of insult to the clergyman, which resulted in a tie vote. The case was then referred to the Grand High Priest, whose decision is substantially embodied in the report of the Committee on Masonic Law, which was adopted, and which we give in full: —

"The Committee on Masonic Law, continued from last Convocation, to prepare a report in regard to religious tolerance discussed in the address of M.·. E.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. W. D. Ferris, ask leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions: —

"*Whereas*, Universal religious tolerance is a fundamental principle of our Order, therefore

"*Resolved*, That the right of every companion to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience must remain unimpaired.

"*Resolved*, That the insult offered to Companion McLeod, a Christian minister, who, at the request of the High Priest of Vicksburg Chapter, No. 3, closed the Chapter with prayer and preferred his requests to the Deity in the name of 'Jesus Christ, our Saviour,' is deserving of severe censure, and the companion offering this indignity should have been suspended from the Chapter on the charge of gross unmasonic conduct, which was preferred against him by its Secretary."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion William S. Patton. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters in an able and instructive manner.

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We regret that a copy of our proceedings failed to reach him, and consequently is not included in the number.

M.E. George D. Fee, of Oxford, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, of Columbus, re-elected Grand Secretary.

It appears from a notice on the memorial page at the close of the proceedings, that the M.E. Grand High Priest departed this life March 3, 1869, less than two months after his election. Thus we are all reminded that we are "passing away."

## MISSOURI.

The twentieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in St. Louis, October 7, 1868, Comp. Martin Collins, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Twenty-six subordinates were represented.

As an indication of the zeal and fidelity of our companions in Missouri, we give the following extract from the excellent address of Comp. Collins: —

"Many of you, my companions, have been, during the past year, laboring — lonely, and perhaps discouraged — in the waste places of our State, among the ruins of a former edifice of well-remembered beauty. Others may have been, as it were, 'carried away captive'; your oppressors requiring of you a song, and you tempted to reply: 'How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?' But hope has still been the angel guest of your hearts, and you have not forgotten Jerusalem, the city of the Great King. You have triumphed over captivity, performed the long journey through scenes of blight and desolation, and are here to-day, having won the earthly reward of the faithful, to behold the desert blossoming as the rose. Let us ever bear in mind, for our consolation in distress, that the glowing face of the sun smiles behind the darkest cloud, and that true life is only reached through the gates of darkness and death."

On the subject of appointing representatives to other Grand Chapters, he says: —

"I would recommend, as a means of preserving the bonds of fraternal union and companionship living and bright all over this wide land of ours, the judicious appointment of representatives of this Grand Body to all Grand Chapters with which we are in masonic communion. These would consti-

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tute links of a more intimate fellowship, whose influences would be palpably felt, both by ourselves and the whole membership of other jurisdictions where we may be so represented."

While we heartily subscribe to the desire expressed for "preserving the bonds of fraternal union and companionship," have we not the very best means of preserving this union in the General Grand Chapter of the United States? and does not our representation there do away with the necessity of any other, so far, at least, as this jurisdiction is concerned? So we think, and this is substantially the view taken by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, as may be seen in the proceedings of 1869.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Comp. George Frank Gouley, who ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. Eleven new Chapters were chartered.

Comp. Oren Root, jr., of Columbia, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

## MICHIGAN

Sends us her proceedings in a well-printed pamphlet of over two hundred pages, from which we learn that the twentieth Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 11, 1869, M.E. George C. Munro, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-eight Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and refers almost wholly to local matters. He granted during the year Dispensations for six new Chapters, and closes his address by saying: —

"In closing my report, I wish to congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the general prosperity which has attended not only our own body, but also, with most remarkable uniformity, all the subordinate Chapters. Success has crowned our labors throughout this jurisdiction, for which we ought to feel that we are indebted to those sublime and beautiful precepts which we are taught to promulgate, and the practice of which will always secure in the future, as it has in the past, results so desirable."

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The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, in which he gives us a clear and concise analysis of the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, Massachusetts for 1866, '69, included. In his introduction, he says: —

"Several of the reports on Foreign Correspondence, noting the action of this Grand Chapter on 'uniformity of work,' fixing the standard, and enforcing its observance, have singularly received the impression that our work was multiform, if not irregular, halting or worse in practice, and put in the hands of indolent workmen.

"Dear and respected committees, you could not have made a greater mistake! Our work was settled many years ago, and it has ever received our unanimous concurrence. It has been preserved as the apple of our eye. A single point for a year or two has been the only exception. We have simply re-examined our landmarks. They are all plumb. Our work is worked with a will. The old are familiar with it; the new are eager for it. Every Chapter is ever present at the sound of the gavel in the Grand East. New comers are pressing. Our labor is not to excite, but to restrain. Come and see us work."

The Committee on the "*Status of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia*," of which S. C. Coffinberry was chairman, made a lengthy report *against* recognizing that Grand Chapter. After "much discussion was had" on the merits of the question, the report was ordered to lie on the table until the next Annual Convocation. The following preamble and resolution were then adopted: —

"*Whereas*, This Grand Chapter did, at its last Convocation, 'forbid and interdict its subordinate Chapters, and the members thereof, any and all intercourse' with the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, or with any Chapter claiming authority under the same, or with the members of such Chapters, and

"*Whereas*, The General Grand Chapter did, at its last meeting, recognize said Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, as regular, therefore

"*Resolved*, That said resolution has no longer any binding force."

Michigan will not array herself against the G.G. Chapter, nor the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, for if she does, she will stand almost if not entirely alone. The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is a "fixed fact," and there is an overwhelming majority that will give her a cordial and fraternal support.

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M.E. William L. Webber, of East Saginaw, was elected Grand High Priest, and J. Eastman Johnson, of Centerville, Grand Secretary.

## MINNESOTA.

The conflagration at St. Paul last April, which destroyed the Masonic apartments and almost the entire property of the Grand Chapter, has not consumed the zeal and enterprise of our companions of Minnesota. The proceedings of 1868 are at hand, showing that the eighth Annual Convocation was held in that city, October 26, M.E. Luther Dearborn, Grand High Priest, presiding. Ten out of seventeen Chapters were represented.

Massachusetts knows full well how to sympathize with those who have suffered from the "devouring flames," and we hope our companions in that jurisdiction will soon be able to replace the property they have lost by the fire.

The address of the Grand High Priest is full of interest from beginning to end. He says: —

"The history of our Order here is the history of progress; and wherever we hear 'the sound of the axe, hammer, and tool of iron,' there also we hear the sound of the 'gavel,' calling from refreshment to labor in the noble tenets of our profession — Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Here, in this broad land, have we built homes to freedom; and as the strongest guarantee that they will be defended in every right dear to the citizen, we have built, side by side, the church, the school house, and the Masonic Lodge."

After speaking in the highest terms of the generous hospitality so freely extended by the people of St. Louis to the G.G. Chapter at its last Triennial Convocation, he adds: —

"But far above all in that reunion was this great idea, so well and feelingly expressed, and without concert of action, almost simultaneously uttered by our European brethren, in International Convocation assembled, in France: *In what manner may Freemasonry counteract the current idea of war, which is hostile to every notion of human fraternity?*

"When we, by our united wisdom, can give a proper solution and direction to this important question, then can we feel and say 'that we have not labored in vain, nor spent our strength for naught.'"

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Comp. Dearborn potently rebukes the vices of intemperance and profanity. On the latter he says: —

"How is it possible that a companion who has passed the *veils* of our Tabernacle by the 'Signet of Truth,' that has engraven upon his heart 'Holiness to the Lord,' and been invested with the 'Ineffable Word,' can so far forget these solemn teachings as to profane that sacred name? The correction of these vicious habits are imperatively demanded by the teachings of our Order. We owe it to the Institution of which we are members. We owe it to society. We owe it to our characters as just and upright Masons."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from one who is well known and distinguished for his thorough knowledge of masonic jurisprudence, — Comp. A. T. C. Pierson. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, of which he says, "it is by far the best specimen of bookmaking among the proceedings." He remarks that —

"Nineteen Chapters were represented at the Annual Convocation, among them that of St. Andrew's, the oldest on the continent, having been chartered in 1769. (*Note.* — We suggest the propriety of a centennial celebration, and an invitation to the writer)."

The centenary of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter *was* celebrated at the new Masonic Temple in Boston, September 29, A.L. 5869. We do not know whether the committee sent an invitation to Comp. Pierson or not, but if not, they should have done it, so that he might have witnessed one of the finest and most magnificent entertainments ever enjoyed by the Royal Craft in New England. Representatives were present from several Grand Chapters outside of our own jurisdiction, among them the M.E.G.G. High Priest, Comp. James M. Austin, of New York; and what (probably) would have pleased Comp. Pierson very much was, we had some of the finest ladies present that possibly could have graced such an assembly of companions.

We have already noticed that the Grand Chapter of New York has assumed jurisdiction over the Order of High Priesthood. Comp. Pierson takes exception to this action as follows: —

"Very little is known of the history of the Order or Degree of High Priesthood. One thing is certain, that it is an Americanism, manufactured within



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sixty years. We have never been able to trace it beyond 1816, when Thomas Smith Webb communicated it to the late Ebenezer Wadsworth, who considered that he 'owned' the Degree, as far as New York was concerned. Councils of High Priesthood are of late date. When asked where the Degree came from, Father Wadsworth replied, 'Webb received it in England,' and so he believed up to 1865, and evinced much surprise that the story he had been telling for over forty years had no basis, for two reasons:

1st. The Degree or Order is not known in England; and

2d. Thomas Smith Webb never was *in* England. . . . . .

It has always been held that it was competent for any three anointed High Priests to give the Order to a Past or Present High Priest, or one who had been elected to preside over a regularly warranted Chapter. New York presents the first instance on record of conferring the Order upon the High Priest of a Chapter U.D., as it does of a Grand Chapter assuming jurisdiction over the Order."

He then alludes to the action of the G.G. Chapter on this subject in 1853. We quote the last two resolutions: —

"*Resolved*, That is not within the province or the control of this G.G. Chapter, or of any State Grand Chapter, to define the duties and powers of a Council of High Priests.

*Resolved*, That while in deference to the long established usages of R. A. Masonry in this country, it is recommended that every newly elected High Priest should, as soon as it is convenient, receive the Order of High Priesthood; his anointment as such is not necessary to his installation, or to the full and entire discharge of all his powers and duties as the presiding officer of his Chapter."

This is precisely the ground taken by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and, so far as we can learn, nearly all the Grand Chapters of the United States. We should be glad to make many quotations from Comp. Pierson's very instructive report, but time will not admit.

M.E. Moses W. Getchell, of St. Anthony, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William S. Combs, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

## NEW YORK.

The seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held at Albany, February 2, 1869, Comp. Seymore H. Stone, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. *One hundred and thirty-five* subordinates were represented.

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The address of the Grand High Priest is clear and concise, and relates almost wholly to a recapitulation of his official acts for the year. The prosperity of the craft in that jurisdiction may be gathered from the following paragraph: —

"We meet to-day with our official ranks unbroken — another proof of the superintending care which has been over us during the vicissitudes of another year. Complete harmony and unprecedented prosperity have characterized Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction since last we met. Sixteen new Chapters have been organized by dispensation during the past year, and ask for warrants at this convocation; and although a larger number than has been organized in any one year during the history of this Grand Chapter, I know of no reason why a warrant should not be granted in each case. The growth seems natural, vigorous, and healthy."

This Grand Chapter has been honored by the selection of one of its members, M.E. Comp. James M. Austin, as General Grand High Priest.

Comp. Joseph White, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

Some sharp criticisms having been made on the action of this Grand Chapter in assuming jurisdiction over the Order of High Priesthood, Comp. White enters into a spirited defence. He says: —

"Can a person be duly installed to preside over a Master's Lodge until he has received the Past Master's degree, as a preliminary qualification previous to entering upon his duties? Or can a Grand Master be installed until *he* is duly qualified by instruction and obligation? Or can a High Priest be *duly* installed until he, in like manner, is duly obligated and instructed in his duties? And we would further ask, what kind of a *grand body* that would be, which is dependent upon another organization to qualify them for their own duties?"

This position will hold good if the Grand Chapter will make the anointing of a High Priest a prerequisite to, or a part of, the installation ceremony; which, by the way, would be rather *inconvenient*. Then no such *anomaly* would arise as has arisen in that jurisdiction during the past year, where a High Priest was installed into his office, but could not preside because he had

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not received the order of High Priesthood. In Massachusetts, the Order is conferred in a regularly organized convention of anointed High Priests, and none are eligible but present or past High Priests. The anointing is no part of the installation of a High Priest, neither is the want of it any disqualification for the office.

Comp. White wields the pen of a ready writer, and has given us a clear and comprehensive report.

M.E. John W. Simons, of New York, was elected Grand High Priest, and Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA.

The Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska was held at Bellevue, June 23, 1868, M.E. Daniel H. Wheeler, D. G. H. Priest, presiding, with three Chapters represented. This is the second Annual Convocation of this young and vigorous Grand Chapter. On account of the unavoidable absence of the Grand High Priest, M.E. J. W. Moore, his address was presented by Deputy Comp. Wheeler. It is brief but excellent in its moral tone. He says: —

> "It is extremely painful to see in some of our Chapters, as the result of too loose practice in this regard, the contradiction which is found between the principles of Royal Arch Masonry and the practice of Royal Arch Masons. No system of morals can be purer than ours, and yet, in a few instances, I have information that the tongue of slander has been used by companions against members of the same Chapter. In other cases I find Royal Arch Masons degrading themselves to the level of the profane and taking the name of *Deity* in vain, and even uttering blasphemies. These are evils of no trivial character, and call in thunder tones upon Masons and masonic bodies for united and strenuous efforts to remove them."

We hope, for the sake of masonry, our sacred obligations, and especially for the sake of that "GREAT AND SACRED NAME," such instances are few and far between. Royal Arch Masons must be true in their principles, and chaste in their conversation if they would have the outside world say of them, "Behold, how these brethren love one another."

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No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.E. Daniel H. Wheeler, of Plattsmouth, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held at Trenton, September 9, 1868, M.E. J. V. Mattison, M.D., Grand High Priest, presiding, with seventeen subordinates represented.

In the brief and excellent address of the Grand High Priest, he gives us an amusing description of the loss of his masonic clothing and jewels: —

"While my house was closed, some impious wretch had the audacity to enter my sanctum, the place of deposit of my masonic valuables, and, not content with the thorough overhauling of the contents of every piece of furniture in the house, laid his sacreligious hands upon my masonic wardrobe, and appropriated it entirely to his own use, not even giving me the satisfaction of leaving his card. The hope, long deferred, of recovering the same grows fainter and fainter day by day; and I take this opportunity of saying that if any of the companions present should by chance discover any person who wore his masonic clothing suspiciously, examine him, and if his tongue trembles, and if he does not give the true shiboleth, slay him at once; for I would prefer the loss of the whole, rather than that, pleased with its adornment, he should be persuaded to become a Mason, and his conscience then compel a restoration. We want none who procure their masonic clothing in that manner. This, companions, is my apology for the apparent want of courtesy in appearing before you without the jewels of my office. I hope soon to have them replaced."

And they are replaced. The Grand Chapter very generously voted an appropriation for that purpose.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Thomas J. Corson, and is one of the best we have had the pleasure of reading. He reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts. In reviewing California, he thus argues with Comp. Owen: —

"In his review of New Jersey, Comp. Owen objects to the opinion expressed by the writer of this report in 1866, that a candidate elected to receive the degrees of the Chapter could not be stayed in his progress unless

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charges were presented against him, and these charges sustained. As other reviewers have taken the same ground as that occupied by Comp. Owen, we may as well define our position, which we believe to be perfectly tenable, and for these reasons: When a petition is presented to the Chapter, the petitioner prays that he may 'receive the degrees of M.M., P.M., M.E.M., and R.A.M., and become a member of your Chapter if found worthy.' Now when the Chapter elects that man, it makes a solemn promise that he shall receive *all* of those degrees, and become a member of the same. What right — what honorable right — has the Chapter to break that promise, unless good and sufficient cause be shown why that promise should be withdrawn? If the candidate petitions for but one degree at a time, then such a course might be allowable. But when a Chapter promises to confer all the degrees, and after conferring the first, receives the pay for all, it would be iniquitously unjust to deprive the candidate of any of the degrees on the mere 'expressed wishes' of any member. . . . For our life we cannot see why a Chapter is not bound to keep its promise, unless it is proven that that promise was made under a mistake, and that the fulfilment thereof would be deleterious to the interests of the Chapter."

We believe the above to be the correct position, for this, among other reasons: We have known a member to arrest the proceedings in the case of an initiate from a mere personal pique against him, which, on examination, was found to be without any good foundation whatever. We would not say that formal charges should be preferred against an applicant before any degree is conferred upon him, neither do we so understand Comp. Corson, but the *objections* should go to a committee, and the objector should, in some way, satisfy the committee, and through them the Chapter, that they are well founded, otherwise the objections should not be heeded. "The adoption of any other rule," as Comp. Corson has well said, "would put it in the power of any captious, ill-natured member of a Chapter to prevent, without any just reason, the progress of an elected candidate at any stage of the proceedings."

We should be glad to make many extracts from this excellent report, but time and space will not admit. We must, however, give our companions a little taste of Comp. Corson's *poetic* ability: —

"In our last report, a call was issued for a Convention of Reporters, and we agreed to procure a report of the proceedings of this distinguished body of

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magnates. The convocation took place at the 'Four Corners,' this neutral locality being selected in order that all could meet on common ground, so that the North could not give the cold shoulder to the South, nor the West turn her back on the East. The following report, which is remarkable for possessing but little rhyme, less rhythm, and no reason, has been furnished by one who claims to have been there, but whose *modesty* (?) compels him to withhold his name. The authorship has been variously attributed to prominent members of our Fraternity, but we have learned that Gouley, Drummond, Gardner, and Guilbert are the only ones left who are contending for the high honor of having produced this remarkable effusion:

The Convention was held, and a good time we had of it,
Those who speak truly can say nothing bad of it;
The brethren came forward, each brim full of charity,
Which thing, with true Masons, is never a rarity.

The Bay State sent Gardner, with mind analytical,
While Guilbert, the slasher, who 's always so critical,
Brought Stevens and Johnston, and also good Hodges,
To see what was up, and to watch all our dodges.

Next Corson, the hirsute, came forward so lazily,
That Matthews and Alden, both acting quite crazily,
Took hold of his shoulders and by Reynolds seated him,
When all the companions most cordially greeted him.

Owen led friend Seymour in, and Brown, of Oregon,
With Richardson and Chickering prepared to have some fun,
When Britton whispered to me, 'why what a sing'lar freak,
See, Carolina's famous Carr has sprung a little Leake.'

The gavel then descended, and stopped this great confusion,
Whereon the whole convention came to this most wise conclusion,
That let our quarrels all go by, both outside and internal,
We will not write or speak henceforth of aught but love fraternal."

The *moral* of this effusion is excellent, and the conclusion we most heartily subscribe to. But only think of the grave and sedate Chickering making "*fun*"! When the next Reporter's Convention is held, may we be there.

M.E. Jesse P. Case, of Jersey City, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Woolverton, of Trenton, Grand Secretary.

## OHIO.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Dayton, October 16, 1868, M.E. George Rex, Grand High Priest, presiding, with one hundred and six Chapters represented, including eight under dispensation.

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Comp. Rex says, in his brief and practical address: —

"The past year has been one of more than usual activity in Capitular Masonry. The reports of your subordinates show a large increase in our membership, and during the same period the number of Chapters in this jurisdiction has increased in a corresponding ratio."

Dispensations were issued to seven new Chapters.

He pays the following tribute to the late Comp. Chester Griswold: —

"Since our last Annual Communication, tidings have reached us of the demise, in a distant city, of an Eminent Companion whose name was once familiar to the Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and who was closely identified with the early masonic annals of this jurisdiction. Comp. Chester Griswold, who participated in the organization of this Grand Chapter, and was its second presiding officer, closed his earthly pilgrimage at the city of Baltimore, on the twenty-seventh day of November last, at the ripe age of eighty five years. It is now forty-five years since he ceased to be a citizen of Ohio, and consequently there are but few of his cotemporaries remaining with us. Those few, however, bear cheerful testimony to his eminent virtues as a man and a Mason, and cherish his memory with fraternal fondness. The occasion seems a proper one to stay for a brief season the bustle of business, pleasure and ambition, and contemplate the character of one conspicuous among our predecessors, and who merited and received their highest esteem We may draw from the subject lessons of wisdom to guide us in the path of rectitude, and incentives to inspire us to emulate his good deeds. It is not meet that such an opportunity should be either neglected or lightly regarded."

The committee to whom this part of the Grand High Priest's address was referred, presented an obituary notice of Comp. Griswold, which is highly and deservedly complimentary to his memory. We would transcribe it entire, but our space will not admit of it.

Comp. Howard Matthews, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours included. He says: —

"We undertake the arduous, yet exceedingly pleasant duty of reviewing these proceedings with the same delightful anticipations that we would approach a gorgeous banquet, at which the most fastidious appetite might be amply satisfied We meet, as it were, our Companion Reporters from all sections of the country, exchange with them the most friendly greetings,

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criticise whatever may appear to us to require it, and bid them God-speed until we meet again."

This "friendly" and fraternal spirit is carried out in one of the ablest reviews that it has been our pleasure to read.

Comp. Matthews handles the question of admitting *colored* Masons in a candid and judicious manner. In reviewing the proceedings of Arkansas, he says: —

"The committee quote from the decision of the Grand Chapter of New York, in favor of the admission of a *regularly exalted* companion as a visitor in a Chapter, without regard to race or color, but with the condition *that any member of a Chapter may object to the admission of a visitor without assigning any reason, and that the objection would be valid.* The committee say: 'Well, we will not growl with our New York companions about that decision. This is a free country, and if R. A. Masons in New York desire to throw their Chapters and Lodges open to the visits of those claiming to be regularly exalted companions, without regard to race or color — all right. All a matter of taste (and in some cases *smell*, too.) We would prefer to know that those we associate with as companions were "*free born.*" We 've heard that expression somewhere in our lives.'

"With all due deference to Comp. Moore, we would remind him that New York decided only the *abstract* principle, and in that they were correct. 'Freemasonry is a common centre, around which are congregated, in one holy, indivisible bond of brotherhood, men of every tribe, and nation, and kindred, and tongue, under Heaven' But persons claiming to be Royal Arch Masons must show that they were made in *regularly constituted* Lodges and Chapters, and that they are '*free born*' and 'under the tongue of good report.' And after all this, as decided very properly by New York, *any member may object to their visiting.*"

Comp. Gouley, of Missouri, in alluding to this subject, uses the following language: —

"Let it be once and definitely settled, that no Grand Chapter is legal unless it is *white*, and that such Grand Chapter does not issue charters except to *white* members; then we know where we stand. As it is, we cannot recognize any negro as hailing from a regular Chapter, for we know of none who makes negroes into Royal Arch Masons; *if we did*, we would be in favor of barring our doors against visitation by any member of that Chapter, whether white or black."

To this Comp. Matthews responds: —

"Of the above, we say that it is true that no Grand Chapter is or can be legal in this country unless it is *white*, because the territory is all occupied,



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and there cannot be two Grand Jurisdictions in the same territory. It is also true that Grand Chapters do not issue charters except to *white* members, or that Chapters confer degrees upon any but *white* candidates. But our object in making the above quotation, was to say that we fail to find in the *fundamental* law of the institution, any prerequisite that a person should be *white;* but merely that he be a man (that is of lawful age), *free born*, of good report, and well recommended. It would doubtless be highly inexpedient and improper to make Masons of negroes, at this time, but it is the *abstract question* we have to do with now. If a negro should present himself to a regular Lodge, possessing all the necessary prerequisites, and be found worthy, whether in Missouri or elsewhere, the Lodge might, if they chose, in the absence of any local enactment to the contrary, proceed to initiate him, and confer the remaining degrees to M.M., and Brother Gouley *would be compelled to recognize him.* We do not think such a thing possible or probable, but the *principle* is there, that is all."

Yes, the thing is not only "possible" and "probable," but it has actually occurred in one of the oldest and most conservative Lodges in Boston. Bro. J. B. Smith, the celebrated colored caterer of Boston, made application to St. Andrew's Lodge for the degrees a little over two years ago, and, without any opposition or unusual delay, was accepted and made a Mason in due and ancient form. Since that he has received the Chapter degrees in St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter, and the Orders of Knighthood in St. Omer Commandery. He is a *man*, *free born*, *of good report and well recommended.* In view of this fact, will Comp. Gouley be in favor of "barring their doors against visitation by any of the *white* members" of St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter? It is an incontrovertible fact that there is no *fundamental* law against making Masons of colored men, and we do most heartily subscribe to the decision of the Grand Chapter of New York on this subject. The best way for us all is to "keep cool," and treat this subject upon its real merits.

We should be glad to make many extracts from Comp. Matthews' report, but we must forbear.

M.E. Charles C. Kiefer, of Dayton, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Charleston, February 9, 1869, M.E. Robert Stewart Bruns presiding, with twenty-three Chapters represented.

We most heartily congratulate our companions of South Carolina on the revivification of Capitular Masonry in that State, and that the Grand Chapter is out of debt. They have struggled nobly in the midst of great discouragements, and now they begin to enjoy the fruit of their labor. The address of the Grand High Priest is enough to inspire every companion with new zeal and courage. He says: —

"It rejoices me greatly, companions, to believe that this work of revivification is already begun among us. I see it in numerous proofs during the experience of the past year. I see it in the general recovery of society among us from the prostration and despondency which have weighed our people down for several dreary years; in which the cloud seemed destined never again to lift; while the sun in our heavens, a melancholy blank, seemed ordained never more to shine for us.

"But the cloud doth lift! the sun shines out once more! I feel that you have hopes renewed. I see that your courage hath aroused your zeal. I feel confidence in the grasp of each fraternal hand; and as we stretch together the fourfold cord of unity and harmony, I become confident in a future the issues of which are, however, known only to the Grand High Priest of the Universe, in whose hands we may safely leave them, relying upon his love to man, and that divine mercy which tempers justice, and puts no burden upon mortal shoulders which, with zeal, and faith, and courage, the mortal may not ably endure. With this hope and confidence, companions, I welcome you once more to these altars; and to the renewal of all our sacred pledges of love with one another, and good will to all the vast family of man."

We rejoice that the General Grand Chapter elected M.E. Comp. Bruns, Deputy General Grand High Priest. They could not have conferred the honor upon one more worthy, or better qualified to fill the office.

Comp. James Birnie, in behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, very ably reviews the proceedings of eighteen

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Grand Bodies, Massachusetts included. "For our life," he says, "we cannot see the use of so many stated sessions; it seems to us that one annual meeting is quite sufficient for all the business which can legitimately come before a Grand Body. We may be put down by our companions of Massachusetts as 'old fogy,' but we must say that we adhere to our previous opinion on this subject."

No, we will not call him an "old fogy" for adhering to his former convictions on this subject; his heart is too young, and his words too kind to admit of such an epithet. But, my companion, we will let you into the secret. We believe, although we live in the land of the Puritans, in cultivating the *social* element in the Grand, as well as in the subordinate bodies, and the social advantages derived from these frequent sessions more than repays us for the extra expense and labor.

Comp. R. S. Bruns, of Charleston, was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. E. Thayer, Grand Secretary.

## TENNESSEE.

Annual Convocation at Nashville, September 29, 1869, M E. William Maxwell, Grand High Priest, presiding, with sixty-nine Chapters represented.

The address of Comp. Maxwell is brief, and relates almost wholly to local matters. Appropriate allusion is made to the death of Comp. Jonathan Huntington, P.G. High Priest, who filled many important positions in Masonry.

Attention is called to the fact that but little work is being done by the Chapters in that jurisdiction. This is attributed by the Grand High Priest partly to the "tenacity with which the Grand Chapter holds to the principle that substitution is improper," and partly to the "proximity of the Chapters, which divides up the material, so that it is found difficult to secure a sufficient number at the same time in any one Chapter." A majority of the committee on the address reported in *favor* of substitution. They say: —

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"The committee are of the opinion that the practice of substituting has always been in vogue in this Grand Jurisdiction till within the past few years, and under such a practice the cause of R. A. Masonry prospered. They can see no just and sufficient reason why the same should not now exist, and therefore recommend the repeal of the By-Law of this Grand Chapter forbidding the practice of substitutions by subordinates."

The Grand Chapter *non*-concurred in the recommendation of the committee.

The above furnishes us a good opportunity to ask a few questions in regard to the opposition which has sprung up within four or five years in a minority of our Grand Chapters, to employing substitutes in the R. A. degree. Are we not in danger of becoming a little more "nice than wise" on this subject? The committee of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee say, "the practice of substituting has always been in vogue in this grand jurisdiction till within the past few years, and under such practice the cause of R. A. Masonry prospered." We want to say in behalf of Massachusetts that substitution is an *old landmark* — as old as R. A. Masonry in this country. It has been practised in St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter from its commencement, in 1769, to the present time. The practice of a *hundred years* gives it the sanctity of an *old masonic landmark*. The fact is, this opposition to substitution is a *new* notion, but not a "*Boston* notion."

But it is said the practice of employing substitutes is a violation of the charges and obligation. We admit that it is a violation of the strict *letter* of them, but not the *spirit* of either. The companion who becomes a substitute consents to be re-exalted; and many times it is done for the express purpose of becoming posted in the work of the degree. Now, if we carry out the "*spirit* of the law" in this practice, we may argue its importance on the ground of *convenience*, — not so much the convenience of the candidate as that of the Chapter. During the anti-masonic excitement, St. Andrew's Chapter had to employ substitutes or do no work, because there were not candidates enough in a whole year to meet the *letter* of the requirement. When General Joseph Warren, of revolutionary memory, received his R.A. degree in

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St. Andrew's Chapter, he was the only real candidate. To obtain one or two candidates a year, at that time, was doing well. In the country it often facilitates the work to be permitted to use substitutes, especially where they have only four or five candidates in a year. It is better for the Chapters to work but *one* real candidate at a time, than to do no work at all, — there is more inspiration in it than in the dry rehearsal of the lectures. Then why this "tenacity" in opposition to the practice of the fathers in Masonry? Have our companions discovered any *new* light? Is the cause of R. A. Masonry retrogading? Let the glorious tidings from the Royal Craft in all parts of the world answer.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. George S. Blackie, M.D., Assistant Grand Secretary. He reviews with much ability the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including the G.G. Chapter of the United States. Massachusetts receives a complimentary notice, particularly the action of the delegates at the last Triennial Convocation of the G.G. Chapter.

In his notice of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, he says: —

"The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland is now, it gives us much pleasure to announce, on terms of fraternal correspondence and full communion with our Grand Body. Our correspondence with its officers has been most cordial and friendly, and we have the pleasure to announce as its result that we have exchanged mutual representatives and proceedings. South Carolina Grand Chapter is the only one save that of Tennessee which has been thus honored by this august and ancient body. Colonel and Companion Alexander Houston, of Clarkington, near Edinburgh, has been appointed as the representative of Tennessee, and will have been received as such before these lines are in print. He would have been received at the meeting in the spring had he not been in bad health. Companion Dr. George S. Blackie has received the commission and clothing of a representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter here. The clothing is superb, and the commission is signed by J. Whyte Melville, Grand Zerubbabel, the Right Honorable the Earl of Haddington, Grand Haggai, and Lord Erskine, Grand Joshua, and confers on him the rank of a member of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The "Reporter" contains the abstract of proceedings for 1868–69. It is mainly filled with domestic detail, which would not be of interest to the companions generally. During the year, seven new Chapters had received

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charters, and one Mark Master Lodge a warrant. A Provincial Grand Superintendent had been appointed over the province of Aberdeen, and representatives interchanged with the sister G. Chapters of South Carolina and Tennessee. A new edition of the Supreme Chapter laws is in the course of preparation, and will be ready for distribution before long. The Grand Scribe Ezra regretted to remark a dilatoriousness on the part of many subordinate Chapters in sending their returns.

"*Statistics.* — There are 101 active Chapters in Scotland and the British Colonies; 11 Mark Master Lodges not attached to Chapters, and chiefly in England and Australia; 11 dormant Mark Master Lodges, all in England and Canada; 27 Chapters in arrears, and not represented; and 4 whose charters have been surrendered. The deaths of nine High Priests are reported."

M.E. John W. Hughes, of Clifton, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

## VIRGINIA

Held its Annual Convocation at Richmond, December 17, 1868, Comp. Edward H. Lane, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Twenty subordinates were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a business-like paper, and presses home upon the members the importance of exercising great care in selecting candidates, also a thorough knowledge of the work. The moral tone of the address is worthy of imitation.

Fifteen Chapters have become extinct, or failed to make returns to the Grand Chapter. Charters were issued to three new Chapters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. But they say, "After a careful perusal of all these documents, we find nothing requiring especial notice. We are much gratified at witnessing the harmony and good order prevailing throughout, and would ask a continuance of fraternal correspondence." We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed for fraternal correspondence, but we hardly know how to interpret the sentence, "We find nothing requiring especial notice." The object of a committee on Foreign Correspondence, as we under-

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stand it, is not simply fraternal recognition, but an interchange of views on the fundamental principles of the Order, with a purpose to "stick to the old landmarks." How can we better accomplish this than by friendly criticism? Then, again, these reports go into the hands of the subordinate Chapters, inspiring new life and a noble emulation, as to who best can work and best agree. Companions, let us hear from the Old Dominion.

Comp. Edward H. Lane, of Louisa Court House, was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Secretary. M.E. Comp. Dove has served this Grand Chapter for half a century, and, as a testimonial of their high appreciation of his services, was presented with a beautiful gold chain and "Mark."

## VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of this State was held at Brandon, October 7, 1868, Comp. Charles A. Miles, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-three subordinates represented.

Royal Arch Masonry is increasingly popular in Vermont, and the Grand High Priest, in his admirable address, justly expresses the fear that it may become too popular, and that we may, by its very success, lose sight of those noble ends for which it was instituted.

Comp. Miles pays a just compliment to our late Comp. E. P. Graves, of Greenfield, "who," he says, "though not living within the borders of our State, yet labored much to advance the interests of the Order in its southern part. In the death of Comp. Graves, Chapter Masonry in Massachusetts has lost one of its most ardent and enthusiastic supporters. Whenever and wherever called upon, he always cheerfully lent a helping hand to any masonic enterprise, gladly communicating light and knowledge to the seeker after truth."

We see by the address, and the action upon it, that the Grand

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Chapter of Vermont is in favor of resuming its connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. This is a step in the right direction. While we have a General Grand Chapter, all the Grand Bodies should participate in its deliberations, and share in its social advantages.

Comp. Joshua Britton, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews, in a very able and courteous manner, the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours included.

M.E. Charles A. Miles, of Brattleboro' was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

## WISCONSIN.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Milwaukee, February 3, 1869, M.E. A. V. H. Carpenter, Grand High Priest, presiding. Thirty-eight subordinates were "entitled to representation."

The Grand High Priest delivered an address which, we will say, — without fear of being classed with the "Mutual Admiration Society," — is full of pathos and moral grandeur. The following extract is worthy of careful consideration: —

"The eyes of the world are upon us, and by our deportment, more than anything else, the world judges of the nature of the Institution. And hence, any deviations from the line of propriety are particularly noted, commented upon, and charged to the account of something wrong behind the veil which it is not permitted the uninitiated to penetrate; and therefore, secret societies are denounced as immoral, corrupt, and dangerous in their very nature; and so the noblest and best of institutions suffer through the indiscretion of, perhaps, its very best members in other respects. *One* of these dangers to which we, as a body and individually, are exposed, is the practice of carrying our festivities at too 'high pressure,' in some instances suffering them to extend into revels; those who entertain, seeming to think their hospitality not appreciated unless their guests partake of everything in all the profusion in which it is offered; and guests thinking their hosts niggardly, unless they *invite* them to participate in frequent libations. 'Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love,' are cardinal tenets of our profession — and I submit that it is *neither friendly, moral,* or particularly *fraternal* treatment of a fellow-being, to urge him to 'put an enemy in his mouth to steal away his brains.'



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Whoever cannot exercise hospitality without encouraging *excess*, or cannot accept of the same without getting *overcome*, should never give or accept an invitation to an entertainment."

Comp. William H. Norris, Jr., presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, ours included. He gives us a brief but very full and comprehensive synopsis of the doings of these Grand Bodies. In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas for 1868, which I am sorry to say we have not received, he says: —

"We find here a curious instance of masonic courtesy: An application for the Capitular degrees was rejected by a Texan Chapter, in 1864; in 1865, he removed from that State; within *six months after his departure*, but nearly *two years after his rejection*, he received the degrees in Iowa. In 1867, he sought to visit another Texan Chapter, and was refused. The Grand Chapter declares that his exaltation in Iowa gives him, *under the circumstances*, no rights as a Royal Arch Mason in Texas — a conclusion which we venture to say is without precedent. Either the laws of Texas are held to have an extra-territorial reach, or the real reasons for this strange doctrine are personal to the character of the visitor."

Comp. Norris offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the report on Foreign Correspondence to be completed, printed, and distributed at the opening of the next Annual Convocation.

M.E. A. V. H. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. T. Palmer, of the same city, Grand Secretary.

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## STATISTICS.

If Comp. Drummond will not accuse us of *purloining*, we will do as our predecessor has done, take advantage of his statistical table to obtain some figures which we could not get from any other source. As we make our confession beforehand, we have no doubt he will let us off easily.

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| GRAND CHAPTERS. | Number of Subordinates. | Number of Members. | Number of Exaltations. | Admissions and Restorations. | Dimissions. | Expulsions. | Suspensions. | Exclusions. | Deaths. | Rejections. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 70 | 2523 | 177 | 82 | 194 | 4 | 7 | 214 | 56 | 14 | |
| Arkanas | 45 | 1310 | 117 | 24 | 82 | 1 | .... | 92 | 29 | .... | No ret'ns from 13 Chp'rs. |
| California | 35 | 1546 | 206 | 52 | 125 | 0 | 9 | 26 | 11 | 11 | |
| Canada | 30 | 1206 | 195 | 14 | 46 | 0 | 26 | ..... | 6 | .... | |
| Connecticut | 27 | 3065 | 374 | 12 | 17 | 2 | 1 | ..... | 42 | .... | |
| Delaware | 4 | 129 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | |
| Dist. of Columbia | 5 | 582 | 127 | 12 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 3 | 1 | |
| Florida | 16 | 510 | 94 | 23 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 8 | .... | No ret'ns from 3 Chp'rs. |
| Georgia | 52 | 2109 | 151 | 45 | 46 | 1 | 9 | ..... | 13 | 12 | No ret'ns from 8 Chp'rs. |
| Illinois | 131 | 6981 | 1208 | 70 | 232 | 10 | 39 | ..... | 60 | 107 | |
| Indiana | 74 | 2863 | 816 | 95 | 223 | 10 | 36 | ..... | 36 | .... | |
| Iowa | 46 | 1688 | 330 | 18 | 80 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 9 | .... | No ret'ns from 2 Chp'rs. |
| Kansas | 10 | 351 | 59 | 12 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 7 | |
| Kentucky | 87 | 3701 | 457 | 60 | 161 | 3 | 42 | ..... | 40 | 31 | |
| Louisiana | 24 | 1400 | 69 | 18 | 58 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 33 | 2 | |
| Maine | 31 | 2553 | 345 | ..... | 45 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 28 | |
| Maryland, &c | 11 | 877 | 107 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 | |
| Massachusetts | 44 | 5247 | 519 | ..... | 140 | ... | 6 | ..... | 38 | .... | |
| Michigan | 65 | 4487 | 735 | 137 | 124 | 15 | 29 | ..... | 28 | 124 | |
| Minnesota | 17 | ..... | 91 | ..... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | |
| Mississippi | 72 | 2476 | 105 | 134 | 147 | 3 | 2 | 433 | 54 | .... | |
| Missouri | 44 | 2014 | 370 | 81 | 97 | ... | 4 | ..... | 13 | 28 | |
| Nebraska | 4 | 180 | 17 | 1 | 2 | ... | 1 | ..... | 2 | .... | |
| New Hampshire | 13 | 1333 | 235 | ..... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | |
| New Jersey | 22 | 1602 | 255 | ..... | ..... | ... | 29 | ..... | 15 | .... | |
| New York | 156 | 13232 | 2149 | 137 | 282 | 2 | .... | 284 | 148 | .... | |
| North Carolina | 20 | 1048 | 40 | 14 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 9 | |
| Ohio | 107 | 5624 | 950 | 80 | 219 | 8 | 41 | 52 | 13 | 7 | |
| Oregon | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | Not heard from. |
| Pennsylvania | 56 | 3780 | 876 | ..... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | No ret'ns from 11 Chp'rs. |
| Rhode Island | 9 | 913 | 157 | ..... | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | 12 | 24 | |
| South Carolina | 29 | 674 | 137 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 19 | ..... | 11 | .... | No ret'ns from 9 Chp'rs. |
| Tennessee | 83 | 3551 | 451 | 37 | 143 | 5 | 12 | ..... | 38 | .... | |
| Texas | 63 | 3173 | ..... | 10 | 124 | 3 | 1 | 80 | 119 | 1 | |
| Vermont | 23 | 1382 | 140 | ..... | 21 | ... | 2 | ..... | 12 | .... | |
| Virginia | 30 | 1507 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | .... | 83 | 20 | .... | No ret'ns from 7 Chp'rs. |
| Wisconsin | 38 | 2271 | 292 | 62 | 119 | 1 | 3 | ..... | 22 | 32 | No ret'ns from 1 Chpt'r. |
| | 1593 | 87888 | 12351 | 1256 | 2844 | 80 | 331 | 1346 | 942 | 443 | |

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# GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | Peleg Brown, Mobile | Daniel Sayre, Montgomery | Palmer J. Pillans, Mobile. |
| Arkansas | Luke E. Barber, Little Rock | William D. Blocher, Little Rock | John W. Rison, Little Rock. |
| California | John W. Harville, San Francisco | Lawrence C. Owen, San Francisco | L. C. Owen, San Francisco. |
| Canada | T. Douglas Harrington, Ottawa | T. B. Harris, Hamilton, C.W. | Henry Robertson, Collingwood. |
| Connecticut | John H. Barlow, Birmingham | Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford | William Storer, West Hartford. |
| Delaware | Daniel C. Godwin, Milford | Gen. A. T. A. Torbet, Milford | Allen V. Lesley, Wilmington. |
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| Iowa | Pitkin C. Wright, Dewitt | William B. Langridge, Muscatine | William B. Langridge, Muscatine. |
| Kansas | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence | E. T. Carr, Leavenworth | E. T. Carr, Leavenworth. |
| Kentucky | Richard G. Hawkins, Louisville | P. Swigert, Frankfort, Franklin Co., | D. P. Robb. |
| Louisiana | Samuel M. Todd, New Orleans | James C. Batchelor, M.D., N. Orleans, | Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans. |
| Maine | Jos. Pearson Gill, Lewiston | Ira Berry, Portland | Josiah H. Drummond, Portland. |
| Maryland | Charles H. Ohr, Cumberland | William A. Wentz, Baltimore | Ezra L. Stevens, Washington. |
| Massachusetts | Henry Chickering, Pittsfield | Thomas Waterman, Boston | Rev. J. W. Dadmun, Winthrop. |
| Michigan | Wm. L. Webber, East Saginaw | J. Eastman Johnson, Centreville | J. E. Johnson, Centreville. |
| Minnesota | Moses W. Getchell, Minneapolis | William S. Combs, St. Paul | A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul. |
| Mississippi | Robert B. Mayes, Yazro City | Oscar T. Keeler, Columbus | William S. Patton, Meridian. |
| Missouri | Oren Root, Jr., Columbia | George Frank Gouley, St. Louis | George F. Gouley, St. Louis. |
| Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth | J. N. Wise, Plattsmouth | |
| New Hampshire | | Horace Chase, Hopkinton | John J. Bell, Exeter. |
| New Jersey | David S. Battey, Newark | John Woolverton, M.D., Trenton | Thomas J. Corson, M.D., Trenton. |
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| North Carolina | W. G. Hill, Raleigh | Thomas B. Carr, Wilmington | Alfred Martin, Wilmington. |
| Ohio | Charles C. Kiefer, Dayton | John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati | William M. Cunningham, Newark. |
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| Rhode Island | Thomas A. Doyle, Providence | George H. Burnham, Providence | |
| South Carolina | R. S. Bruns, Charleston | Ebenezer Thayer, Charleston | Montgomery Moses, Sumter. |
| Tennessee | John W. Hughes, Clifton | John Frizzell, Nashville | John Frizzell, Nashville. |
| Texas | W. G. Veal, Veal's Station | Robert Brewster, Houston | Philip C. Tucker, Galveston. |
| Vermont | Charles A. Miles, Brattleboro' | John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington | Joshua Britton, Bradford. |
| Virginia | Edward H. Lane, Louisa, C. H. | John Dove, Richmond | William B. Isaacs, Richmond. |
| Wisconsin | A. V. H. Carpenter, Milwaukee | W. T. Palmer, Milwaukee | William H. Norris, Jr., Green Bay. |

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## CONCLUSION.

As we expected at the outset, we have been intensely interested, and we trust not a little profited, in reading the proceedings of the Grand Chapters which have come into our hands. We commenced our report with some misgivings of our ability to condense and keep it within proper limits, and yet do justice to all. If we have failed, we hope our companions will exercise towards us that charity which covers a multitude of sins. We have seen much to commend and but little to censure. Some may class us among the "flatterers," but we do not plead guilty. We had rather give too much praise, than to withhold what is another's due. One may rob another's character by withholding a word of commendation when it is due him, or by detracting therefrom when he is assailed. We do not wish to be guilty of either. If we err, we prefer to err on the side of charity.

It is a fact — a *glorious* fact — that Royal Arch Masonry in the United States is in a very prosperous condition. The little disturbance that has existed between the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia exists no more, and now we may turn our undivided attention to the purity and harmony of our beloved Institution. It has afforded us great satisfaction to see with what earnestness some of our Grand Chapters are urging upon the members *purity of character*. Intemperance and profanity are pointedly and eloquently rebuked. The practical exemplification of our faith is urged as a safeguard against the attacks of our enemies. We trust that line upon line, and precept upon precept, will be given upon *masonic uprightness*, until we all come to *unity of practice* as well as unity of faith.

JOHN W. DADMUN,
*Committee.*

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# OFFICERS

OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts,

ELECTED DECEMBER 7, 1869.

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| M.E. HENRY CHICKERING | Grand High Priest. |
| M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE | Grand King. |
| E. THOMAS WINSHIP | Grand Scribe. |
| Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. | Grand Captain of the Host. |
| JOSEPH K. BAKER, Jr. | Grand Principal Sojourner. |
| SAMUEL B. THAXTER | Grand Royal Arch Captain. |
| WILLIAM H. MURRAY | Grand Master Third Veil. |
| DAVID B. TENNEY | Grand Master Second Veil. |
| GEORGE E. STACY | Grand Master First Veil. |
| Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rev. ST. JOHN CHAMBRE, Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, | Grand Chaplains. |
| EBEN F. GAY, FRANK E. JONES, | Grand Stewards. |
| MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, | Grand Lecturer, Com. on For. Correspondence. |
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| WILLIAM PARKMAN, CHARLES HARRIS, CHARLES J. DANFORTH, | Committee of Charity. |
| PETER C. JONES, WILLIAM PARKMAN, RICHARD BRIGGS, | Trustees of the Funds. |
| GEORGE H. PIKE | Grand Tyler. |



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# PAST OFFICERS

OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| * Benjamin Hurd, Jr. | 1798, 99, 1800. |
| * Dudley Atkins Tyng | 1801, 2. |
| * Timothy Bigelow | 1803, 4, 5. |
| * Isaiah Thomas | 1806, 7, 8. |
| * Oliver Prescott | 1809. |
| * James Dean Hopkins | 1810, 11, 12. |
| * John Abbott | 1813, 14, 15. |
| * Andrew Sigourney | 1816, 17. |
| * James Prescott | 1818, 19. |
| * Jonathan Gage | 1820, 21, 22. |
| * Paul Dean | 1823, 24, 25. |
| * Daniel Lewis Gibbens | 1826, 27, 28. |
| * Samuel Clark | 1829, 30, 31. |
| * Josiah J. Fiske | 1832, 33. |
| * Edward A. Raymond | 1834, 35, 36. |
| * Simon W. Robinson | 1837, 38, 39. |
| * John B Hammatt | 1840. |
| * Elijah Atherton | 1841, 42, 43. |
| * Thomas Tolman | 1844, 45. |
| Charles W. Moore | 1846, 47, 48. |
| * Benjamin Huntoon | 1849, 50, 51. |
| * Stephen Lovell | 1852, 53, 54. |
| Daniel Harwood | 1855, 56. |
| Wendell Thornton Davis | 1857. |
| John McClellan | 1858. |
| James Kimball | 1859, 60, 61. |
| Solon Thornton | 1862, 63, 64. |
| Richard Briggs | 1865, 66, 67. |

* Deceased.

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## PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| * Dudley Atkins Tyng | 1799, from April to Sept. |
| * Jonathan Gage | 1799. |
| * Joshua Greenleaf | 1800. |
| * Simon Eliot | 1801, 2. |
| * Benjamin Russell | 1803–8, 1816–20. |
| * Henry Fowle | 1808–14. |
| * James C. King | 1814, 15. |
| * Samuel L. Knapp | 1820. |
| * Paul Dean | 1821, 22. |
| * Augustus Peabody | 1823–26. |
| * Benjamin Huntoon | 1826–29. |
| * Robert Lash | 1829–33. |
| * Thomas Tolman | 1833, 1841–44 |
| * Gardner Ruggles | 1834–37. |
| * John B. Hammatt | 1837–40. |
| * Elijah Atherton | 1840. |
| * Elias Haskell | 1844, 45. |
| * Ruel Baker | 1846, 47. |
| Gilbert Nurse | 1848. |
| Winslow Lewis, M.D., | 1849. |
| * Stephen Lovell | 1850, 51. |
| Timothy Ingraham | 1852. |
| E. M. P. Wells | 1853. |
| Joseph Bedlow | 1854. |
| Samuel K. Hutchinson | 1855. |
| William R. Alger | 1856. |
| Tracy P Cheever | 1857. |
| * Isaac P. Seavy | 1858. |
| Wyzeman Marshall | 1859. |
| Solon Thornton | 1860. |
| Richard Briggs | 1861. |
| Albert H. Kirkham | 1862. |
| John K. Hall | 1863. |
| Caleb Rand | 1864. |
| John W. Dadmun | 1865. |
| Charles A. Welch | 1866. |
| Benjamin Lewis | 1867. |

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## PAST GRAND KINGS.

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|---|---|
| * Dudley Atkins Tyng | 1798. |
| * James Harrison | 1799. |
| * William McKeen | 1800. |
| * Charles Jackson | 1801. |
| * Benjamin Russell | 1802. |
| * Gilman White | 1803, 4. |
| * David Coffin, Jr. | 1805. |
| * Amos Tappan | 1806. |
| * Oliver Prescott | 1807, 8. |
| * William Woart | 1809, 10. |
| * John Abbott | 1811, 12. |
| * Samuel L. Knapp | 1813, 14. |
| * Henry Fowle | 1815. |
| * James C. King | 1816, 17. |
| * Joseph Brown | 1818. |
| * Robert Lash | 1819. |
| * Caleb Butler | 1820–22. |
| * Henry Whipple | 1823. |
| * Daniel Lewis Gibbens | 1824, 25. |
| Richard S. Spofford | 1826–28. |
| * Charles Train | 1829–31. |
| * Edward A. Raymond | 1832, 33. |
| * William Whiting | 1834, 35. |
| * Simon W. Robinson | 1836. |
| * Elijah Atherton | 1837–40. |
| * Enoch Hobart | 1840. |
| * John R. Bradford | 1841–43. |
| Charles W. Moore | 1844, 45. |
| Gilbert Nurse | 1846, 47. |
| William Eaton | 1848. |
| * Lucein B. Keith | 1849. |
| Samuel Millard | 1850, 51. |
| John Flint | 1852. |
| * James W. Crooks | 1853. |
| Ebenezer W. Tolman | 1854. |
| * Jonathan G. Johnson | 1855. |
| Wendell Thornton Davis | 1856. |
| William Parkman | 1857. |
| William H. L. Smith | 1858. |
| William W. Baker | 1859. |

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|---|---|
| * Sylvester Baxter | 1860. |
| William S. Shurtleff | 1861. |
| Charles C. Dame | 1862. |
| Henry Chickering | 1863. |
| Albert E. Foth | 1864. |
| David W. Crafts | 1865. |
| Henry Endicott | 1866. |
| Daniel W. Lawrence | 1867. |
| Jonathan P. Folsom | 1868. |

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## PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

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|---|---|
| * James Harrison | 1798. |
| * Joshua Greenleaf | 1799. |
| * Charles Jackson | 1800. |
| * Benjamin Russell | 1801. |
| * Stephen Howard | 1802. |
| * Abraham Perkins | 1803, 4. |
| * Samuel A. Otis | 1805. |
| * James Dean Hopkins | 1806. |
| * Thomas Carey, Jr. | 1807, 8. |
| * Thomas Jackson | 1809. |
| * Sumner Barstow | 1810. |
| * Henry Purkett | 1811. |
| * Edward Turner | 1812. |
| * Andrew Sigourney | 1813, 14. |
| * Nathaniel Knapp, Jr. | 1815. |
| * Joseph Brown | 1816, 17. |
| * Robert Lash | 1818. |
| * James Morse | 1919, 20. |
| * Roswell Lee | 1821. |
| * Daniel Baxter | 1822. |
| * Daniel Lewis Gibbens | 1823. |
| * John James Loring | 1824, 25. |
| * Samuel Clark | 1826–29. |
| * Charles Wells | 1829–32. |
| * William Whiting | 1833. |
| * Simon W. Robinson | 1834, 35. |
| * Elijah Atherton | 1836. |
| * Enoch Hobart | 1837–39. |
| * John R. Bradford | 1840. |
| * Robert Keith | 1841–43. |
| * Ruel Baker | 1844, 45. |
| * Joel Talbot | 1846, 47. |

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|---|---|
| * Lucien B. Keith | 1848. |
| Samuel Millard | 1849. |
| * Henry Earl | 1850, 51. |
| Jonas A. Marshall | 1852. |
| * Horace Chenery | 1853. |
| John McClellan | 1854. |
| Abraham A. Dame | 1855. |
| John Andrews | 1856. |
| Joel Spalding | 1857. |
| James Kimball | 1858. |
| Henry Goddard | 1859. |
| George Sherwin | 1860. |
| George Talbot | 1861. |
| Moses H. Fowler | 1862. |
| John N. Pike | 1863. |
| Wanton T. Drew | 1864. |
| Marlborough Williams | 1865. |
| Rufus S. Pope | 1866. |
| Lyman B. Meston | 1867. |
| Charles H. Norris | 1868. |

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# ABSTRACT

FROM THE

# Returns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1869,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

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## ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5869.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN | High Priest. |
| E. CHARLES W. ROMNEY | King. |
| E. WILLIAM S. HILLS | Scribe. |
| WILLIAM F. PEIRCE | Captain of the Host. |
| JOSEPH N. PEIRCE, Jr. | Principal Sojourner. |
| GIDEON T MANSFIELD | Royal Arch Captain. |
| WOOSTER B. MAYHEW | Master Third Veil. |
| SERANUS BOWEN | Master Second Veil. |
| GEORGE S. EASTMAN | Master First Veil. |
| JOHN MCCLELLAN | Treasurer. |
| THOMAS WATERMAN | Secretary. |
| SOLON THORNTON | Assistant Secretary. |
| Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON | Chaplain. |
| EDWARD J. LONG | Senior Steward. |
| WILLIAM O. CLOUGH | Junior Steward. |
| GEORGE H. PIKE | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 404; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, $87.

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## KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

A.L. 5790.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. Enoch G. Currier | High Priest. |
| E. David J. Adams | King. |
| E. Gamaliel Hodges | Scribe. |
| John M. Carter | Captain of the Host. |
| George H. Stevens | Principal Sojourner. |
| Joseph E. Kimball | Royal Arch Captain. |
| John E. Kimball | Master Third Veil. |
| Lawrence B. Cushing | Master Second Veil. |
| Edward A. Moseley | Master First Veil. |
| Nathan A. Moulton | Treasurer. |
| James W. Cheney | Secretary. |
| O. S. Butler | Chaplain. |
| Samuel Noyes | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full Moon.

Present number of Members, 111; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, $21.

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## WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

A.L. 5811.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Israel S. Lee | High Priest. |
| E. Robert Chase | King. |
| E. David Roberts | Scribe. |
| William Babson | Captain of the Host. |
| George W. S. Rollins | Principal Sojourner. |
| Charles E. Getchell | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Jonathan Davis | Master Third Veil. |
| Edward A. Daniells | Master Second Veil. |
| James S. Newhall | Master First Veil. |
| Alvah Kendall | Treasurer. |
| William Archer | Secretary. |
| Joseph Kidder | Chaplain. |
| David J. Preston | Senior Steward. |
| Joseph A. Boyden | Junior Steward. |
| William L. Batchelder | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 195; Candidates exalted, 24; Fees to Grand Chapter, $78.

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## ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

A.L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. John A. Lee | High Priest. |
| E. Albert H. W. Carpenter | King. |
| E. William W. Arnold | Scribe. |
| A. H. Howland, Jr. | Captain of the Host. |
| Thomas B. Tripp | Principal Sojourner. |
| Benjamin S. Jenkins | Royal Arch Captain. |
| James W. Lawrence | Master Third Veil. |
| Job A. T. Eddy | Master Second Veil. |
| James L Sherman | Master First Veil. |
| Edward Stetson | Treasurer. |
| H. Wilder Emerson | Secretary. |
| James Taylor | Chaplain. |
| William A. Searell | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 299; Candidates exalted, 25; Fees to Grand Chapter, $80.

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## MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

A.L. 5819.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. Richard H. Bailey | High Priest. |
| E. P. B. Spooner | King. |
| E. William A. Shaw | Scribe. |
| William A. Fuller | Captain of the Host. |
| E. W. Clarke | Principal Sojourner. |
| Charles Taylor | Royal Arch Captain. |
| A. C. Russell | Master Third Veil. |
| Charles E. Evans | Master Second Veil. |
| P. P. Bailey | Master First Veil. |
| H. S. Lee | Treasurer. |
| Joseph E. Coolidge | Secretary. |
| G. H. McKnight | Chaplain. |
| George D. Rollins | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 301; Candidates exalted, 34; Fees to Grand Chapter, $108.

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## FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

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## SAINT PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Frederick A. Pierce | High Priest. |
| E. James A. Fox | King. |
| E. A. K. Bryer | Scribe. |
| Samuel W. Greene | Captain of the Host. |
| Henry Warren | Principal Sojourner. |
| Charles A. Hayden | Royal Arch Captain. |
| James Mills | Master Third Veil. |
| John T. Kimball | Master Second Veil. |
| Charles A. Burgess | Master First Veil. |
| John K. Hall | Treasurer. |
| Theodore H. Emmons | Secretary. |
| Samuel Kelley | Chaplain. |
| William Sawyer | Senior Steward. |
| Thomas R. Jacobs | Junior Steward. |
| George H. Pike | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 346; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, $51.

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## MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A.L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. A. St. John Chambre | High Priest. |
| E. Enoch P. Davis | King. |
| E. R. F. Wilcox | Scribe. |
| F. J. Sawyer | Captain of the Host. |
| Benjamin Ward, Jr. | Principal Sojourner. |
| George F. Walker | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Joshua Britton | Master Third Veil. |
| John F. Caldwell | Master Second Veil. |
| Henry C. Adams | Master First Veil. |
| J. F. Ellis | Treasurer. |
| Washington Tower, Jr. | Secretary. |
| Azel Capen | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Friday before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 79; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, $39.

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## THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

A.L. 5821.

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## WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

A.L. 5823.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Joseph B. Knox | High Priest. |
| E. Daniel W. Bemis | King. |
| E. Daniel Seagrave | Scribe. |
| Henry C. Wadsworth | Captain of the Host. |
| George F. Wood | Principal Sojourner. |
| Noel E. Converse | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Edwin S. Pike | Master Third Veil. |
| Charles W. Moody | Master Second Veil. |
| Justin E. Wood | Master First Veil. |
| Charles H. Fitch | Treasurer. |
| Henry W. Reed | Secretary. |

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 226; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, $58.

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## MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

A.L. 5824.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. George E. Stacy | High Priest. |
| E. James R. Davis | King. |
| E. C. C. Smith | Scribe. |
| A. A. Burrill | Captain of the Host. |
| Leonard Fairbanks | Principal Sojourner. |
| James M. Woods | Royal Arch Captain. |
| E. F. Holbrook | Master Third Veil. |
| C. W. Shippee | Master Second Veil. |
| J. C. Bradford | Master First Veil. |
| Leonard Hunt | Treasurer. |
| James S. Slater | Secretary. |
| George S. Ball | Chaplain. |
| A. Hastings | Senior Steward. |
| S. Matthewson | Junior Steward. |
| John M. Woods | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Thursday following Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 154; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.

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## NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. JOHN A. PRENTISS | High Priest. |
| E. AARON C. BARTON | King. |
| E. HENRY W. MORGAN | Scribe. |
| STEPHEN B. FULLER | Captain of the Host. |
| JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS | Principal Sojourner. |
| WILLIAM C. POMEROY | Royal Arch Captain. |
| GEORGE S. PHELPS | Master Third Veil. |
| ALVIN RUST | Master Second Veil. |
| J. O. MARTIN | Master First Veil. |
| ANSEL WRIGHT, Jr. | Treasurer. |
| FRED. W. CLARK | Secretary. |
| I. H. MANSFIELD | Chaplain. |
| WILLIAM M. WEATHERELL | Senior Steward. |
| IRA H. STEVENS | Junior Steward. |
| D. B. WHITCOMB, Jr. | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 119; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

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## CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. JOSIAH H. TEMPLE | High Priest. |
| E ABIAL S. LEWIS | King. |
| E. WILLIAM HASTINGS | Scribe. |
| FRANKLIN H. SPRAGUE | Captain of the Host. |
| WILLIAM H. CHENERY | Principal Sojourner. |
| EDGAR POTTER | Royal Arch Captain. |
| JOSEPH C. CLOYES | Master Third Veil. |
| D. O. FROST | Master Second Veil. |
| EDWARD CLOUGH | Master First Veil. |
| ADAM HEMENWAY | Treasurer. |
| C. J. FROST | Secretary. |
| G. G. JONES | Chaplain. |
| J. H. REED | Senior Steward. |
| F. A. TOWER | Junior Steward. |
| FRED. COE | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 39; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

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## MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Frederick Frye | High Priest. |
| E. Nathaniel C. Sanborn | King. |
| E. Alonzo K. Lynch | Scribe. |
| Arthur G. Pollard | Captain of the Host. |
| Samuel S. Fuller | Principal Sojourner. |
| Alfred H. Chase | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Albert A. Haggett | Master Third Veil. |
| John C. Blood | Master Second Veil. |
| Samuel C. Eaton | Master First Veil. |
| Jonathan P. Folsom | Treasurer. |
| Richard W. Baker | Secretary. |
| T. L. P. Lamson | Chaplain. |
| Hiram N. Hall | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 192; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

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## SAINT JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

A.L. 5854.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. E. C. Chamberlin | High Priest. |
| E. James Smith | King. |
| E. Simeon Cragin | Scribe. |
| Philander Nutter | Captain of the Host. |
| George F. Hosea | Principal Sojourner. |
| Charles H. Pepper | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Gilbert R. Bartlett | Master Third Veil. |
| Isaac McAllaster | Master Second Veil. |
| Henry Landt | Master First Veil. |
| Samuel L. Fowle | Treasurer. |
| Hezekiah Mayo | Secretary. |
| William H. Lewis | Chaplain. |
| Eli C. Wood | Senior Steward. |
| Charles H. Scolley | Junior Steward. |
| Samuel W. Gleason | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 176; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, $57.

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## CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

A.L. 5855.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Charles M. Avery | High Priest. |
| E. Charles T. Gay | King. |
| E. George H. Rice | Scribe. |
| James Tent | Captain of the Host. |
| William D. Seely | Principal Sojourner. |
| Philip G. Ilsley | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Simeon C. Williams | Master Third Veil. |
| Henry T. Holmes | Master Second Veil. |
| John H. Roberts | Master First Veil. |
| Slade Luther | Treasurer. |
| George W. Vose | Secretary. |
| Rev. Charles H. Leonard | Chaplain. |
| George W. Lane | Senior Steward. |
| Charles S. Beatley | Junior Steward. |
| Amos Seavey | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 187; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, $54.

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## ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Rufus S. Pope | High Priest. |
| E. Joseph K. Baker, Jr. | King. |
| E. G. J. Miller | Scribe. |
| N. D. Kelley | Captain of the Host. |
| O. C. Baker | Principal Sojourner. |
| J. B. Baxter | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Stephen Sears | Master Third Veil. |
| W. B. Kelley | Master Second Veil. |
| Albert Berry | Master First Veil. |
| A. S. Hallett | Treasurer. |
| Samuel Snow | Secretary. |
| James Barnaby | Chaplain. |
| Erastus Chase | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 76; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

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## PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. David B. Tenney | High Priest. |
| E. Plummer W. Sanborn | King. |
| E. Benjamin F. Leighton | Scribe. |
| Charles T. Chase | Captain of the Host. |
| Benjamin F. Darling | Principal Sojourner. |
| James W. P. Smith | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Henry O Burr | Master Third Veil. |
| Joseph A. Gage | Master Second Veil. |
| George W. Rollins | Master First Veil. |
| James E. Gale | Treasurer. |
| Charles Blanchard | Secretary. |
| Rev. Jason Mariner | Chaplain. |
| Corydon H. Fellows | Senior Steward. |
| Charles H. Johnson | Junior Steward. |
| Daniel F. Smith | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 147; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $18.

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## BERRSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Libbeus Scott | High Priest. |
| E. David A. Clary | King. |
| E. William D. Axtel | Scribe. |
| William H. Murray | Captain of the Host. |
| Samuel H. Almy | Principal Sojourner. |
| George C. Dunham | Royal Arch Captain. |
| E. C. Crafts | Master Third Veil. |
| H. S. New | Master Second Veil. |
| Jacob L. Green | Master First Veil. |
| Truman E. Cole | Treasurer. |
| H. S. Russell | Secretary. |
| John C. Parker | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 84; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

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## KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER.

A.L. 5858.

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## KEYSTONE CHAPTÈR, FOXBOROUGH.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Samuel S. Ginnodo | High Priest. |
| E. Daniel B. Whittier | King. |
| E. Charles H. Sawyer | Scribe. |
| Carmi Richmond | Captain of the Host. |
| William B. Crocker | Principal Sojourner. |
| George C. Forrest | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Joseph Wilson | Master Third Veil. |
| E. Copeland Fales | Master Second Veil. |
| Charles A. Blake | Master First Veil. |
| William Carpenter | Treasurer. |
| James E. Carpenter | Secretary. |
| John M. Merrick | Chaplain. |
| L. Porter Faught | Senior Steward. |
| Michael Ryan | Junior Steward. |
| Albert A. Wilmarth | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 78; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, $54.

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## MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. John Haigh | High Priest. |
| E. Daniel Nason | King. |
| E. N. A. Bishop | Scribe. |
| A. A. Currier | Captain of the Host. |
| Thomas Leland | Principal Sojourner. |
| E. H. Safford | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Benjamin Booth | Master Third Veil. |
| William F. Farnham | Master Second Veil. |
| Charles S. Coburn | Master First Veil. |
| Rufus Reed | Treasurer. |
| P. B. Robinson | Secretary. |
| Louis Wiel | Senior Steward. |
| Joseph N. Taylor | Junior Steward. |
| G. W. Waterhouse | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 146; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, $36.

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## PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

A.L. 5862.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. William H. Davis | High Priest. |
| E. Cyrus Morton, Jr. | King. |
| E. B. Sanford, Jr. | Scribe. |
| H. F. Copeland | Captain of the Host. |
| William H. Maine | Principal Sojourner. |
| S. S. Bradford | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Franklin P. Harlow | Master Third Veil. |
| Prescott Lothrop | Master Second Veil. |
| Francis M. French | Master First Veil. |
| Benjamin L. Nash | Treasurer. |
| E. M. Nash | Secretary. |
| Rev. F. P. Howland | Chaplain. |
| George A. Beal | Senior Steward. |
| George A. Pearson | Junior Steward. |
| Joseph F. French | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 177; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

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## WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. Thomas Winship | High Priest. |
| E. Charles C. Dike | King. |
| E. Osgood W. Upham | Scribe. |
| Samuel Tidd | Captain of the Host. |
| George F. Clapp | Principal Sojourner. |
| Robert J. Chute | Royal Arch Captain. |
| George L. W. Dike | Master Third Veil. |
| H. H. D. Cushing | Master Second Veil. |
| Joseph Tonks | Master First Veil. |
| John B. Gillett | Treasurer. |
| Walter Littlefield | Secretary. |
| William S. Barnes | Chaplain. |
| O. S. Edgerly | Senior Steward. |
| Rufus Leavitt | Junior Steward. |
| Smith W. Nichols | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 324; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.



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## SAINT MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Frederick G. Walbridge | High Priest. |
| E. Benjamin T. Wells | King. |
| E. Parker C. Burbank | Scribe. |
| Ralph Crocker, Jr. | Captain of the Host. |
| Ethan R. Cheney | Principal Sojourner. |
| Lendall F. Tarbett | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Joseph R. Grose | Master Third Veil. |
| John Q. A. Holbrook | Master Second Veil. |
| George S. Carpenter | Master First Veil. |
| Horace Smith | Treasurer. |
| N. A. Apollonio | Secretary. |
| J. I. T. Coolidge | Chaplain. |
| William D. Rockwood | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 137; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

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## HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. James B. Shaw | High Priest. |
| E. Marshall Fox | King. |
| E. John E. Crane | Scribe. |
| G. B. Kennerson | Captain of the Host. |
| Andrew Pinney | Principal Sojourner. |
| H. H. Fales | Royal Arch Captain. |
| A. B. Cowan | Master Third Veil. |
| F. J. Wassum | Master Second Veil. |
| M. Sedgwick | Master First Veil. |
| S. W. Shumway | Treasurer. |
| H. H. Sanders | Secretary. |
| C. F. Foster | Chaplain. |
| F. G. Sedgwick | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 66; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, $27.

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## MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

A.L. 5869.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Alfred Haskell | High Priest. |
| E. S. B. Harrington | King. |
| E. A. B. Morss | Scribe. |
| James P. Richardson | Captain of the Host. |
| Charles D. Archibald | Principal Sojourner. |
| Joseph R. Kendall | Royal Arch Captain. |
| George W. Spurr | Master Third Veil. |
| Isaac B. Kendall | Master Second Veil. |
| A. D. Morse | Master First Veil. |
| George B. Green | Treasurer. |
| Parker R. Litchfield | Secretary. |
| B H. Davis, Henry C. Delong, | Chaplains. |
| Benjamin Pace | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Thursday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 128; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, $75.

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## SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Alonzo C. Blethen | High Priest. |
| E. Charles Healey | King. |
| E. David Newhall | Scribe. |
| Elbridge B. Staples | Captain of the Host. |
| John C. Myer | Principal Sojourner. |
| Joshua C. Eldred | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Nathan B. Fletcher | Master Third Veil. |
| Eben Beckford | Master Second Veil. |
| Sylvester B. Breed | Master First Veil. |
| George B. Tolman | Treasurer. |
| Henry C. Oliver | Secretary. |
| Daniel A. Sutherland | Senior Steward. |
| Charles P. Berry | Junior Steward. |
| Stephen H. Sawtell | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 84; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, $57.

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## FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Robert Henry | High Priest. |
| E. Henry Paddock | King. |
| E. L. D. Wilbur | Scribe. |
| H. C. Harrington | Captain of the Host. |
| Thomas G. Estee | Principal Sojourner. |
| Andrew H. Speedie | Royal Arch Captain. |
| E. P. Pearce | Master Third Veil. |
| J. C. Ramsey | Master Second Veil. |
| W. Whitworth | Master First Veil. |
| A. L. Westgate | Treasurer. |
| Thomas L. Brayton | Secretary. |
| John Duncan | Chaplain. |
| James Davis | Senior Steward. |
| Mason Fisher | Junior Steward. |
| William Preston | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 130; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, $89.

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## CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Charles Harris | High Priest. |
| E. Hiram L. Chase | King. |
| E. Samuel M. Davis | Scribe. |
| Horace W. Fuller | Captain of the Host. |
| William J. Dowd | Principal Sojourner. |
| Alfred Whitman | Royal Arch Captain. |
| James E. Hall | Master Third Veil. |
| William L. Lathrop | Master Second Veil. |
| True Scales | Master First Veil. |
| George P. Carter | Treasurer. |
| Seymour B. Snow | Secretary. |
| Rev E. B. Chase | Chaplain. |
| William Dailey | Senior Steward. |
| George L. Cade | Junior Steward. |
| Eben Towle | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 145; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.

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## WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Robert L. Davis | High Priest. |
| E. Henry W. Hartwell | King. |
| E. George A. Bates | Scribe. |
| Nathan S. Whitney | Captain of the Host. |
| Charles W. Stone | Principal Sojourner. |
| John E. Whitcomb | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Kenneth M. Deane | Master Third Veil. |
| Henry N. Fisher | Master Second Veil. |
| James B. Fuller | Master First Veil. |
| Chester H. Graves | Treasurer. |
| Charles C. Bills | Secretary. |
| Leonard P. Frost | Chaplain. |
| Charles A. Brackett | Senior Steward. |
| Frank P. Pratt | Junior Steward. |
| Hobart T. Gerould | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 118; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, $39.

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## SAINT MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Charles F. Johnson | High Priest. |
| E. Edward Mott | King. |
| E. Charles F. Eddy | Scribe. |
| Timothy C. Baker | Captain of the Host. |
| L. O. Barnard | Principal Sojourner. |
| William B. Presbrey | Royal Arch Captain. |
| B. F. Baker | Master Third Veil. |
| B. C. Peirce | Master Second Veil. |
| M. F. Pike | Master First Veil. |
| Charles Lawton | Treasurer. |
| Edwin A. Davy | Secretary. |
| William H. Brown | Chaplain. |
| Zeba F. Bliss | Senior Steward. |
| J. M. Lincoln | Junior Steward. |
| George A. Dunham | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 120; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

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## MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. R. S. Howard | Acting High Priest. |
| E. (Vacant). | King. |
| E. " | Scribe. |
| O. S. Tuttle | Captain of the Host. |
| Cyrus L. Frink | Principal Sojourner. |
| Robert B. Johnson | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Allan Higginbottom | Master Third Veil. |
| A. L. Shumway | Master Second Veil. |
| Charles Ely | Master First Veil. |
| George W. Prentiss | Treasurer. |
| Charles H. Lyman | Secretary. |
| M. W. Prentiss | Chaplain. |
| Philander Moore | Senior Steward. |
| William Ruddy | Junior Steward. |
| Benjamin F. Lincoln | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 50; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

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## MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Charles J. Danforth | High Priest. |
| E. Joshua H. Putnam | King. |
| E. Ebenezer Adams | Scribe. |
| George Richards | Captain of the Host. |
| Julius Bacon | Principal Sojourner. |
| C. C. Chickering | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Joseph Houghton | Master Third Veil. |
| R. G. Molineux | Master Second Veil. |
| F. H. King | Master First Veil. |
| R. W. Molineux | Treasurer. |
| J. Gardner Curtis | Secretary. |
| E. G. Scott | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 90; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

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## CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Daniel Upton | High Priest. |
| E. John M. Morin | King. |
| E. E. F. Nickerson | Scribe. |
| J. C. Chalmers | Captain of the Host. |
| D. D. Bowen | Principal Sojourner. |
| James Renfrew, Jr. | Royal Arch Captain. |
| C. M. Dean | Master Third Veil. |
| S. F. Howland | Master Second Veil. |
| George W. Adams | Master First Veil. |
| D. J. Dean | Treasurer. |
| H. H. Wellington | Secretary. |
| Lewis Jessup | Chaplain. |
| L. J. Follett | Senior Steward. |
| James Osborn | Junior Steward. |
| E. Burlingame | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 38; Candidates exalted, 0; Fees to Grand Chapter, $6.

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## UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

A.L. 5866.

No return.

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## SAINT STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. William Sayward | High Priest. |
| E. William T. Adams | King. |
| E. Samuel B. Hildreth | Scribe. |
| Nelson N. Farrar | Captain of the Host. |
| Lucius H. Dwelley | Principal Sojourner. |
| Joseph H. Beal | Royal Arch Captain. |
| William H. West | Master Third Veil. |
| Coolidge Barnard | Master Second Veil. |
| Charles A. Burdett | Master First Veil. |
| Henry Hall | Treasurer. |
| Thomas F. Temple | Secretary. |
| J. H. Upham, P. Ruggles, | Chaplains. |
| S. W. Hayden | Senior Steward. |
| A. A. Seaverns | Junior Steward. |
| Benjamin C. Bird | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Tuesday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 53; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, $30.

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## MENOTOMY CHAPTER, ARLINGTON.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

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|---|---|
| M.E. Edward Storer | High Priest. |
| E. Marcus Morton | King. |
| E. William W. Keith | Scribe. |
| John A. Pattee | Captain of the Host. |
| Josiah Bryant | Principal Sojourner. |
| George D. Tufts | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Albert L. Teel | Master Third Veil. |
| Andrew F. Allen | Master Second Veil. |
| William A. Clark | Master First Veil. |
| J. Winslow Pierce | Treasurer. |
| George H. Lancaster | Secretary. |
| J. W. Keyes | Chaplain. |
| James Baston | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 77; Candidates exalted, 9; Fees to Grand Chapter, $33.

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## WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

A.L. 5866.

No return.

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## HOUGHTON CHAPTER, MARLBOROUGH.

A.L. 5867.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Burleigh Morse | High Priest. |
| E. William E. C. Worcester | King. |
| E. Nathan S. Chamberlain | Scribe. |
| Marshall P. Rogers | Captain of the Host. |
| Charles F. Morse | Principal Sojourner. |
| Edwin A. Bradley | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Benjamin F. Smith | Master Third Veil. |
| C. D. Hunter | Master Second Veil. |
| George E. Sherman | Master First Veil. |
| Martin Dadmun | Treasurer. |
| John F. Cotting | Secretary. |
| Rev. William A. Start | Chaplain. |
| Edwin F. Longley | Senior Steward. |
| Lafayette Dadmun | Junior Steward. |
| Sidney Brigham | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, Friday on or succeeding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, ; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

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## ISLE OF THE SEA CHAPTER, NANTUCKET.

A.L. 5867.

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## PARKER CHAPTER, NATICK.

A.L. 5868.

No return.

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## CHAPTER OF THE SIGNET, CHARLESTOWN.

A.L. 5868.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. George H. Marden | High Priest. |
| E. Gideon Haynes | King. |
| E. William H. Kent | Scribe. |
| Daniel E. Chase | Captain of the Host. |
| John E. Harden | Principal Sojourner. |
| Charles W. Sawyer | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Howard F. Bowe | Master Third Veil. |
| E. S. Wait | Master Second Veil. |
| J. W. Talbot | Master First Veil. |
| George P. Kettell | Treasurer. |
| James W. Poor | Secretary. |
| Rev. J. H. Twombly | Chaplain. |
| Joseph E. Bray | Senior Steward. |
| George W. Griffin | Junior Steward. |
| George H. Marden, Jr. | Tyler. |

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 97; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, $64.

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## SAMOSET CHAPTER, PLYMOUTH.

A.L. 5868. (U.D.)

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M E. William Seaver Danforth | High Priest. |
| E. Charles Carroll Doten | King. |
| E. George Sylvester Ryder | Scribe. |



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## JOSEPH WARREN CHAPTER, PROVINCETOWN.

A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| M.E. Jeremiah Stone | High Priest. |
| E. Joseph P. Johnson | King. |
| E. Charles Young | Scribe. |

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## NEWTON CHAPTER, NEWTON.

A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

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|---|---|
| M.E. Adin B. Underwood | High Priest. |
| E. Cephas Brigham | King. |
| E. George E. Bridges | Scribe. |

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## CLINTON CHAPTER, CLINTON.

A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

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|---|---|
| M.E. A. A. Burditt | High Priest. |
| E. Henry H. Bigelow | King. |
| E. C. L. S. Hammond | Scribe. |

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## SYLVESTER BAXTER CHAPTER, WEST HARWICH.

A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

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|---|---|
| M.E. Nehemiah D. Kelley | High Priest. |
| E. Joseph K. Baxter, Jr. | King. |
| E. Abiather Doane | Scribe. |

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## SATUCKET CHAPTER, NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

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|---|---|
| M.E. B. Sanford, Jr. | High Priest. |
| E. C. C. Bixby | King. |
| E. Francis M. French | Scribe. |

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# ABSTRACT

OF THE

## RETURNS OF THE CHAPTERS FOR 1869.

| CHAPTERS. | Members. | Exaltations | Dimissions. | Suspensions. | Deaths. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's | 404 | 27 | 19 | | 4 |
| King Cyrus' | 111 | 5 | | | |
| Washington | 195 | 24 | 4 | | 2 |
| Adoniram | 299 | 25 | 1 | | 3 |
| Morning Star | 301 | 34 | 1 | | 3 |
| Saint Paul's | 346 | 15 | 12 | | 1 |
| Mount Zion | 79 | 11 | | | 2 |
| Worcester | 226 | 17 | 1 | | 2 |
| Mount Lebanon | 154 | 19 | 1 | | |
| Northampton | 119 | 14 | 1 | | |
| Concord | 39 | 3 | 30 | | 1 |
| Mount Horeb | 193 | 12 | 2 | | |
| Saint John's | 176 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Shekinah | 187 | 16 | 30 | | 2 |
| Orient | 76 | 14 | 1 | | 1 |
| Pentucket | 147 | 14 | 3 | | 1 |
| Berkshire | 84 | 3 | 1 | | |
| Keystone | 78 | 16 | 2 | | |
| Mount Sinai | 146 | 10 | 1 | | 1 |
| Pilgrim | 177 | 13 | 2 | | |
| Waverly | 324 | 19 | 6 | | 1 |
| Saint Matthew's | 137 | 14 | 1 | | |
| Hampden | 66 | 7 | 2 | | 1 |
| Mystic | 128 | 23 | 1 | | 2 |
| Sutton | 84 | 17 | 2 | | 2 |
| Fall River | 130 | 11 | | | |
| Cambridge | 145 | 19 | 3 | | 2 |
| Waltham | 118 | 11 | 3 | | |
| Saint Mark's | 120 | 18 | | | 1 |
| Mount Vernon | 90 | 18 | | | 1 |
| Mount Holyoke | 50 | 3 | | 1 | |
| Corinthian | 38 | 0 | | | |
| St. Stephen's | 53 | 8 | | | |
| Menotomy | 77 | 9 | 3 | | |
| Houghton | 53 | 13 | 1 | | 2 |
| Signet | 97 | 20 | | | 2 |
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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

FOR THE

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

## 1868.

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# CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE FIRST.

### OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the United States of America, which shall be holden triennially, at such place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose, and at which time the General Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot, and installed, except the General Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter, at any regular meeting, may change the time for the next succeeding meeting; and if, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or absence, of the Senior General Grand Officer, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular meeting to some subsequent time; and, in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

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SECT. 2. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are expressly granted and delegated to it by them, or as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the confederation between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to R. A. Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics, and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage, and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, by formal vote; and its decision so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not

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one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several Degrees, and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction, in any State, District, or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any wilful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

SECT. 3. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall consist of a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. These, together with the first four officers, and all Past Grand High Priests, of every State Grand Chapter under this jurisdiction, or the proxies of the first four General Grand Officers, and of the first four officers of each State Grand Chapter aforesaid, shall compose the General Grand Chapter: *Provided*, That any Chapter under this jurisdiction, in any State, District, or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers shall collectively have one vote.

SECT. 4. On all questions to be decided by the General



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Grand Chapter, each State Grand Chapter shall be entitled to four votes by its representative or representatives. If there be but two representatives, the inferior officer, or his proxy, shall give but his own single vote, and the higher, or his proxy, shall give the other three. If there be three representatives, the highest officer, or his proxy, shall give two votes, and the others, or their proxies, one each.

The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote; and no General Grand Officer shall be allowed to take a seat in the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of any State Grand Chapter, nor shall any member of the General Grand Chapter be permitted to vote as proxy while the person giving the proxy is present; nor shall any person be admitted into the General Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one State Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

SECT. 5. The General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest shall have authority to call a special meeting of the General Grand Chapter whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary; and it shall be their duty so to do when properly requested by a majority of the State Grand Chapters, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

SECT. 6. The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations, for a limited length of time, for new Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of the appendant Orders, in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory in which there is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when in their opinion

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the good of the Craft may require the same, which term of time shall in no case extend beyond the close of the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter; but no new Chapter shall be established in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory where there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance, under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located; and in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, and make report of the same at the next triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter, when the General Grand Chapter may grant the said Chapter a Charter.

SECT. 7. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter with subordinate degrees shall be ninety dollars, and no more; and no credit shall be given for Dispensations or Charters, or for conferring the degrees, in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction. And every Chapter holden by Dispensation or Charter under this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars for each Companion therein exalted, until such a time as a Grand Chapter shall be regularly established in the State, Country, Republic, or Territory in which such Subordinate Chapter is located. The Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter.

The fees in the several States for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason shall not be less than twenty dollars.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand

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King, and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures and Ancient Charges; to consult with each other, and with the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters aforesaid, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges. And the better to accomplish this laudable object, the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent Master, Mark, and Past Master Masons throughout the said States, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

SECT. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so called, degrees.

SECT. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place; unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

SECT. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, all questions

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(except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require a unanimous ballot) shall be considered and determined in such way and manner as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find most conducive to their harmony and permanent prosperity: *Provided*, they do not in any case interfere with or infringe on the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SECT. 12. The General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter shall have and keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.

SECT. 13. Should any casualty, at any time hereafter, prevent the triennial election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECT. 14. An appeal shall in all cases lie to the General Grand Chapter from the decision of the M.E. General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decisions shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it is otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

## ARTICLE SECOND.

### OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The State Grand Chapters shall severally consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respec-

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tively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the said Grand Chapters; and the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper: *Provided* such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution.

SECT. 2. The State Grand Chapters shall severally be holden once in every year, and oftener if they may consider it expedient or necessary, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct; and, at their annual meetings, the constitutional officers shall be elected or appointed in such manner as shall be provided for by their rules and regulations, and installed into their respective offices; and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, for the time being, may call special meetings, to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper.

SECT. 3. The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, within their respective jurisdictions, to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals and the signs manual of their respective Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, attested by their respective Grand Secretaries, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within their respective jurisdictions; but their jurisdiction shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State, except by consent of the General Grand Chapter.

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SECT. 4. The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant letters of Dispensation under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the qualifications required by the 7th Section of the Second Article of this Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time: *Provided*, that the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State in which such Dispensation shall be granted: *And provided further*, that the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Charters shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of his jurisdiction, when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter of Constitution. And in case such Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their appli-action.

SECT. 5. No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SECT. 6. The Grand Chapters shall have power, severally, to require from the several Chapters under their respective

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jurisdictions such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as by their ordinances or regulations shall be appointed; all which said sums or dues shall be made good and paid annually by the said Chapters, respectively, over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter under which they hold their authority, on or before the first day of the respective annual meetings of the several Grand Chapters.

SECT. 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a Dispensation or Charter be granted them.

SECT. 8. The Grand Secretaries of the State Grand Chapters shall, severally, make an annual communication to each other, and also to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretaries shall also regularly transmit to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter a copy of all their By-Laws and Regulations, and also a copy of their proceedings, annually, to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter; and the State Grand Chapters shall see that their Secretaries faithfully and punctually perform this duty.

SECT. 9. Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any State, Country,

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Republic, or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established, so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: *Provided*, that the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Grand Chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary — not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SECT. 10. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any State Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of a Subordinate Chapter under that jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE THIRD.

### OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Dispensation, as is provided in Section 6 of Article First, or Section 4 of Article Second, of this Constitution, or Charter from the General Grand Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter, or any member of it, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened, or holden without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which

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was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, on the 27th day of January, A.D. 1798.

SECT. 2. Whenever a Charter is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said Charter to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

SECT. 3. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, duty, and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter, of the admission of all candidates or members, and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. The Charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

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SECT. 4. No person, having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have produced a certificate from a Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended.

SECT. 5. That any worthy Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them), to the end that they may be healed, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.

SECT. 6. That the Subordinate Chapter so conferring said degree shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.

SECT. 7. It shall not be deemed regular for any Chapter to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State in which there is a Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand Officers or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, they shall, severally, have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or

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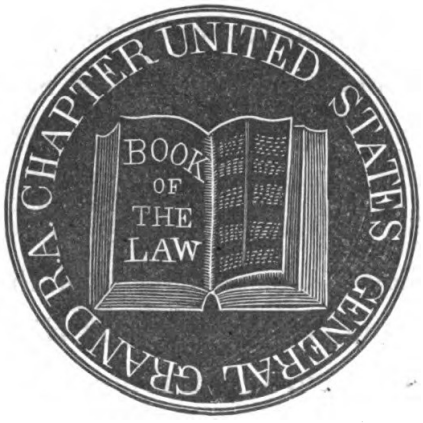
Past High Priest, or the High Priest of the same Chapter while it was under Dispensation, when he himself shall have been installed, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SECT. 2. The officers of every Chapter under this jurisdiction, whether Chartered or under Dispensation, before they enter upon the exercise of the respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, A. B., do promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

SECT. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular meeting receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.




In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER to be hereunto affixed.

Dated at the City of Cincinnati, this 1st day of November, 1865, and the year of the Order 2395.

JOHN D. CALDWELL,
*General Grand Sec'y.*

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# Address of Grand Officers.

HENRY CHICKERING . . . . . PITTSFIELD,
*Grand High Priest.*

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . . . BOSTON,
*Deputy Grand High Priest.*

FREDERICK A. PIERCE . . . . . BOSTON,
*Grand King.*

THOMAS WINSHIP . . . . . WAKEFIELD,
*Grand Scribe.*

THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . BOSTON,
*Grand Secretary.*

MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . . . . BOSTON,
*Grand Lecturer.*

REV. JOHN W. DADMUN . . . . . WINTHROP,
*Committee on Foreign Correspondence.*

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